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ISOLATED ACTIONS ON VARIOUS FRONTS

Predictions of Universal Truce
During the Christmas Season Upset

BULGARIANS PREPARING TO CROSS INTO GREECE

Allied Forces Engaged in
Strengthening Positions
in Salonica

London, Dec. 24.—Many isolated engagements on various fronts have upset predictions of a universal Christmas truce. Nothing of great importance, however, has developed.

From Galicia, the Russians report success in an action against the Austrians near Trembowla, where there has been an indication recently that the Austrians and Germans are seeking to strengthen their lines. Although no activity is reported on the Mesopotamia front, the Russians are advancing steadily in Persia in an effort to link their forces with those of their British allies.

On Hartmann's Weilerkopf, in the Vosges, the French have maintained their gains on a front of one mile, but admit that their left has been compelled to fall back. The Germans state they have retaken the lost ridge, with the capture of a large number of prisoners.

Bulgarians Preparing.
Special dispatches to London state that the Bulgarians are preparing to invade Greek territory in an effort to expel the allies from Salonica. The entente forces are engaged in strengthening their positions and express confidence that there is no immediate prospect of an offensive against them.

Parliament adjourned without receiving the figures concerning the Earl of Derby's recruiting plan, but on re-assembling after the holidays the members will have the facts in regard to the question whether conscription is necessary.

POSITIONS IN THE BALKAN THEATRE

How the Armies Are Disposed;
Austrians Repulsed by
Montenegrins

Paris, Dec. 24.—The battlefronts of both sides in the conflict in the Balkan theatre of war are given in a dispatch from the Salonica correspondent of the Echo de Paris.

The correspondent states that 60,000 Germans are massed around Monastir, with the Bulgarians concentrated in the centre of the Vardar valley and two Turkish divisions in position on the left of the Bulgarians. The French are ranged in a semi-circle around Salonica, with their left on the Vardar, facing the Greek frontier near Doiran, and their right connecting with the British troops defending Chalkidice.

Paris, Dec. 24.—German and Bulgarian aeroplanes bombard cantonnements of the allies north of Salonica, according to announcement here to-day. No details were given as to the damage or loss of life, if any.

Austrians Repulsed.
Paris, Dec. 24.—A repulse of the Austrians is reported in an official Montenegrin statement received here to-day, as follows:

"The enemy on Wednesday violently bombarded the Mokovac sector without result and attacked Tourik in the direction of Rasai-Berana, where he was repulsed with large losses.

"Towards Bielo we pursued the enemy as far as the village of Ivanica."

Rome, Dec. 24.—The Montenegrin government, latest advices say, is preparing to evacuate Cetinje.

King Nicholas is said to have left Cetinje and is understood to-day at Antivari. He will sail for Italy early in January and reside at the Pitti Palace in Florence, according to reports.

SAID SULTAN SELIM DISABLED; MIDULLU SUNK BY RUSSIANS

London, Dec. 24.—Russian warships have sunk the Turkish cruiser Midullu and disabled the battle-cruiser Sultan Selim, according to a dispatch received here to-day from Athens.

The Midullu formerly was the German cruiser Breslau and the Sultan Selim formerly was the German battle-cruiser Goeben.

CHRISTMAS MORNING IN BELGIUM



Ross Carpenter

WASHINGTON GOVT. WILL INVESTIGATE

Consular Agents Will Secure
Affidavits Regarding Sinking
of Yasaka Maru

Washington, Dec. 24.—The sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru in the Mediterranean, reported torpedoed by a submarine without warning, will be made the subject of an inquiry by the United States. Consular agents will be asked to obtain accurate versions of the incident and forward them without delay to the state department.

Should the department's investigation establish the truth of reports that the liner was sunk without warning by an Austrian submarine, it is said further diplomatic correspondence with Austria-Hungary will ensue, in which the entire method of conducting submarine warfare will be discussed and demands will be made by the United States for the abandonment of the practice of sinking ships without warning.

Coming at a time when officials believed the controversy over the sinking of the Ancona to be on the road to amicable settlement, the Yasaka Maru incident is regarded as being especially deplorable.

Officials believe that Austria-Hungary has no desire to break with the United States and will yield to such demands. Baron Erich Zweidenik, chargé d'affaires of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, is said to have so informed Secretary Lansing during the recent conference regarding the Ancona.

Baron Zweidenik called again upon the secretary to-day. Although he was said to possess no official advices from his government, it is understood he told the secretary that he doubted the statement that the ship had not been warned, if it were an Austrian submarine that sank the vessel.

After conferring at some length with Secretary Lansing, Baron Zweidenik returned to the embassy and spent half an hour preparing a communication, which was delivered to Secretary Lansing by messenger. It could not be ascertained what the communication contained.

STEAMSHIP THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN TORPEDOED

Dundee, Scotland, Dec. 24.—The British steamship Moor is missing and is believed to have been torpedoed, according to advices received here to-day. The fate of the crew is not known.

CANADIANS AT FRONT SEND GREETINGS TO SIR ROBERT BORDEN

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Sir Robert Borden to-day received the following message from the Canadian headquarters at the front:

"All ranks Canadians at front send heartfelt Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year. (Signed) 'CANADIAN CORPS.'"

GERMAN MACHINE IS GOING TO PIECES

Demoralization of Services Between Germany and Holland an Indication

New York, Dec. 24.—The New York Evening Telegram says:

Is the great German machine going to pieces? That it is breaking is believed in Holland, where for some weeks there has been progressive deterioration in the public services between Germany and Holland, and business relations have been delayed and confused, and in some cases abandoned altogether in consequence.

No more Cologne and Frankfurt newspapers reach Holland, and for two weeks there has been a complete breakdown in telegraph and postal service. Absolutely safe business telegrams handed to officials in Germany the end of November are now reaching Holland weeks after; letters, while very late, are in many cases uncensored, while travelers report a new, unusual and unaccountable nervousness displayed by officials with whom they have to deal when entering or leaving Germany.

In face of this unsatisfactory service the German government entered objection to the American couriers engaged in carrying diplomatic correspondence between Ambassadors Page in London and Gerard in Berlin, and the mail and a Dutch steamship are now being utilized.

Is it the beginning of the end?

GERMAN SUBMARINE SANK YASAKA MARU

Rome, Dec. 24.—News reports from Egypt concerning the sinking of the Japanese steamship Yasaka Maru by a submarine in the eastern Mediterranean last Tuesday refer to the nationality of the submarine as German.

CHRISTMAS HERE BUT MEN IN TRENCHES

Henry Ford's Motto Was "Out
of the Trenches by
Christmas"

New York, Dec. 24.—Henry Ford's departure from Europe for the United States apparently marks the termination, in its original form, of the most novel of the many movements which have been undertaken to bring about the ending of the war. Mr. Ford's announcement that the Women's International Peace association henceforth would conduct the expedition would seem to indicate that so far as he personally is concerned, he will relinquish the self-imposed task which he expressed in the phrase: "Out of the trenches by Christmas."

It has not been made clear, however, whether Mr. Ford will continue to give financial support to the enterprise.

The Women's International Peace association has been in existence for some time. It held a congress at The Hague last spring and appointed delegates to visit the capitals of various European and American nations. One of the most prominent women at the congress was Mme. Rosika Schwimmer, president of the Hungarian Woman Suffrage association, and now a member of the Ford party. After the congress at The Hague, Mme. Schwimmer came to the United States to continue her work for peace. She went to Detroit to see Mr. Ford, and it was reported it was she who suggested to him the idea of the peace expedition.

Dissension.
Before the peace ship Oscar II. reached the other side there were reports of dissension among the peace delegates. When Mr. Ford reached Christiania he kept in the background, it being said he was ill. It was not until last night, however, that the unconfirmed report that he had quit the party reached this country.

Although full details have not been received, it would appear that he made his departure secretly, and that most of the peace delegates at the time they left Christiania for Stockholm, were ignorant of the fact that he was not to go on with them. On Christiania dispatch said Mr. Ford had boarded a train from Christiania for Bergen yesterday at about the time his former associates were leaving for Stockholm. It was said Mr. Ford's sudden departure was due to the fact that his physician had ordered him to rest.

BURIED UNIFORM ON SOUTH SEA ISLAND

Persian General Sailed From
San Francisco to Foment
Revolution in India

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Depending on a demurrer, argument and decisions as legal ammunition, the three indicted German bomb conspirators and two attorneys appeared before Federal Judge Dooling for the third time to-day to plead, and launched their combined efforts against the two indictments which are hanging over them.

The three defendants are Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, who says he is an attaché of the German consulate-general here; Charles Carlos Crowley secret service man and alleged head of the conspirators in a nation-wide plot to wreck ammunition plants and supply ships, and his secretary, Mrs. Margaret Cornell, who is alleged to have written incriminating letters for Crowley to some of his helpers.

When the cases were called, Attorney J. P. O'Brien, for Crowley and Mrs. Cornell, argued the demurrer, asking that the indictments be quashed on the grounds that they are too vague, too general and do not charge any specific crime, and on half a dozen other technical grounds.

The Baroness von Brincken again attended her titled husband in court.

Planned Revolution.
Yesterday afternoon the federal grand jury continued its investigation of the anti-neutrality cases arising out of the mysterious operations of the ships Sacramento, Maverick and Annie Larsen.

Evidence that the Maverick carried equipment and men for the purpose of fomenting revolution in India was brought out at the hearing. Persians, one of them an officer in the army, were aboard the ship, it was discovered when the ship was making her way across the Pacific to Java, where she was interned by the Dutch. Twice the Maverick was overhauled by British warships and searched, but nothing of a suspicious character was found.

The Persian general, however, is said to have become so badly frightened at the prospect of falling into the hands of the British that he buried his resplendent uniform on a lonely South Sea island.

DETAINED AT MALTA.

London, Dec. 21.—Delayed by Gensor. A dispatch to Lloyds from Malta says that the American-Levant steamship Montana has been detained there.

FORD IS THROUGH; ON HIS WAY HOME

Placed Expedition Under Care
of Women's International
Peace Association

FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE ANY HEADWAY

Worried by Dissensions in
Party; Committee of Leaders
Appointed

Christiania, Dec. 21.—The Norwegian liner Bergenfjord, with Henry Ford on board, sailed for New York this morning. Mr. Ford stated before leaving Bergen that the peace expedition would continue under the auspices of the Women's International Peace association.

Rev. Samuel S. Marquis, dean of St. Paul's cathedral, Detroit, sailed from Bergen with Mr. Ford.

Before leaving Christiania for Bergen, Mr. Ford wrote out the following statement for the press:

"I am satisfied with what has been accomplished in Christiania. Peace has been given publicity. The newspapers have power to end the war, for it is through publicity that the gospel of peace is spread.

"Norway is like every other country. The people are all right."

In announcing at Bergen the circumstances under which the expedition would be continued, Mr. Ford said a committee had been appointed to act as leaders. It consists of Judge Ben Lindsey, of Denver; Rev. Dr. Jekin Lloyd Jones, of Chicago; John D. Barry, of San Francisco; Lieut. Governor Andrew J. Bethea, of South Carolina, and Louis Lochner, of Chicago, Mr. Ford's secretary.

The Christiania newspapers say that in view of Mr. Ford's departure no prominent Norwegians will join the expedition.

Headway Impossible.
London, Dec. 24.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says:

"Before leaving, Henry Ford gave a cheque for \$270,000 to finance the expedition. He left because he recognized that it was impossible to make headway. His party was always at loggerheads and Scandinavian pacifists adopted an attitude of reserve. When Mr. Ford found all official doors closed, he broke down."

Surprise in Detroit.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Although Mrs. Henry Ford could not be communicated with this forenoon, those close to the family expressed great surprise at Mr. Ford's return home. His private secretary here said no cablegrams had been received by the family announcing Mr. Ford's new plans.

Hughes's Christmas Message to Soldiers

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Maj. Gen. Sir Sam Hughes has sent the following Christmas message:

"To all my fellow-Canadian soldiers overseas and at home:
"Kindly permit me to wish one and all a very merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year. The gallant conduct of those at the front has for ever made the name of Canada immortal. The splendid lads in Britain and elsewhere are keen to add to that immortality. Their example, devotion and sacrifice for king, country and liberty will go down through the ages. My heart is with you all.

"(Signed) SAM HUGHES."

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT CHARGED WITH MURDER

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Matin, in an editorial to-day on the latest note sent to Austria-Hungary by the United States relative to the sinking of the liner Ancona by an Austrian submarine, says:

"The submarine commander, having been declared not responsible, the government is indicted for murder in his place, and if that government does not give full satisfaction it must be treated as a murderer. This language can signify nothing less than a rupture of diplomatic relations unless the demands of the United States are complied with."

THOS. DUNN, VANCOUVER PIONEER MERCHANT, DEAD

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Thomas Dunn, a pioneer hardware merchant of Vancouver, died yesterday in California.

HUGHES AT LINDSAY.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Maj. Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, who has been confined to his bed for a couple of days with grip, was able to be at his office this morning. He leaves to-night to spend Christmas at his home in Lindsay.

CASUALTIES UP TO DEC. 9 WERE 528,227

All Theatres 119,923
British Officers and Men Killed

338,758 WERE WOUNDED;
69,546 WERE MISSING

Total Losses on West Front
387,988; at Dardanelles
114,555.

London, Dec. 24.—Replying to a written question by P. A. Molteno, in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Asquith gave the total British casualties up to Dec. 9 as 528,227.

The detailed figures of the casualties as given by Mr. Asquith corrected the figures concerning the losses at the Dardanelles given yesterday in the house of commons. At that time the casualties up to December 11 were given as 112,923, a smaller total than the prime minister gave to-day for the operations at the Dardanelles to December 9.

The casualties were distributed as follows:

Flanders and France.

Killed—4,329 officers, 77,473 other ranks.

Wounded—9,342 officers, 211,353 other ranks.

Missing—1,639 officers, 52,695 other ranks.

Total—387,988 officers and men.

Dardanelles.

Killed—1,967 officers, 24,535 other ranks.

Wounded—3,028 officers, 72,781 other ranks.

Missing—350 officers, 12,194 other ranks.

Total—114,555 officers and men.

Other Theatres.

Killed—471 officers, 10,548 other ranks.

Wounded—694 officers, 10,953 other ranks.

Missing—190 officers, 2,519 other ranks.

Total—25,685 officers and men.

Grand total for all theatres—528,227.

TRIUMPH FOR POLICY OF VENIZELOS PARTY

Former Prime Minister Speaks
of Recent General Election in Greece

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Athens correspondent of the Figaro sends an interview secured from M. Venizelos, former prime minister, concerning the recent parliamentary elections in Greece, in which the adherents of M. Gounaris, minister of the interior, were successful and in which the Venizelos party abstained in most cases from going to the polls. The correspondent quotes M. Venizelos as follows:

"The elections were a brilliant triumph of my policy and ideals. A majority of the voters abstained from voting. I am entitled to say that the verdict was still more categorical than that of last May. It is in vain that my opponents attempt to explain the abstentions from voting by the mobilization. It must not be forgotten that we had 100,000 men with the colors last May and that the army voted in the present election at several centres and that the part of the army which did not vote contained a large number of my party. In certain polling stations only three voters were recorded."

Gounaris and Ministers.

The correspondent says that he also was received by M. Gounaris and the other ministers, who maintained that the elections were conducted in a free and open manner and that the number of abstentions was normal.

The Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency has the following to say concerning the political situation in Greece:

"When parliament reassembles states of siege probably will be voted in order to stop the merciless attacks upon the government's policy. M. Gounaris insists that the present cabinet remain, but unless the situation changes through the king's intervention, a reconstruction of the cabinet probably will occur."

INTERNED GERMANS TO ATTEND SERVICES

Washington, Dec. 24.—The officers and men of the German auxiliary cruisers Kron Prinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, interned at the Norfolk navy yard, have been granted permission to attend Christmas Day services in Norfolk churches.

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EDITOR OF COURIER IN UNIFORM AGAIN

Capt. John A. Cooper, Toronto,
Has Offered Services
Wherever Required.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Captain John A. Cooper, editor of the Canadian Courier, and head of the Courier Press Limited, publishers, has gone back on the active list of officers, with his old regiment, the Queen's Own. Capt. Cooper retired with the rank of captain in 1912, having been attached to the Queen's Own Rifles ever since the days of the old "K" company at the University in 1890. He was in this company under Captain Rennie, now brigadier-general of the Fourth Canadian Brigade at the front, when "K" Company was transferred from the University to the city. General Mercer also was a "K" Company man, though previous to Captain Cooper's time. There are six officers living who were in "K" Company with Captain Cooper when the transfer was made from the University.

When the call came for retired officers to help with the training of recruits, Captain Cooper rejoined the Queen's Own. He helped the work of recruiting the 114th Battalion in Haldimand. He has placed himself at the disposal of the authorities for whatever service the occasion seems to demand.

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ONLY EIGHT SENTRIES FOR 3,000 PRISONERS

Correspondents Visited Dorchester Camp, Where British Keep Germans

London, Dec. 24.—Eight British sentries were the only guards at the Dorchester War prisoners' camp, where over 3,000 German prisoners and non-commissioned officers are interned, when a party of correspondents visited the camp. But they were strongly reinforced by a double fence of barbed wire, completely surrounding the enclosure.

Among the German prisoners were 1,000 captured in the British stroke at Loos in September, and several hundred from the army of the German crown prince in the Argonne. Assistant Major W. C. Bulkeley, the British commandant, is a German sergeant-major from Alsace, also captured in the Argonne.

Christmas Presents.

Hundreds of the prisoners were lined up at the camp post office receiving Christmas presents from Germany when the correspondents visited the camp. They are privileged to write letters every two weeks and to receive an unlimited number of packages from Germany.

The majority of the prisoners are housed comfortably in substantial huts. The officers, by rare coincidence, are quartered in the same barracks occupied by a Hanoverian regiment a century ago, when Hanover was an ally of Britain.

The correspondents were permitted to converse with the prisoners out of hearing of the British officers. None of the dozens of Germans with whom the writer conversed complained seriously of his treatment, though there was a noticeable amount of hatred towards Britain. Most of the prisoners, however, spoke favorably of the British commandant.

German cooks prepare the prison bill of fare. The government sees to it that those who came into camp not well clothed are fitted out.

MERCIER FORCED TO MAKE FRESH APPEAL

Cardinal Expresses Gratitude of Belgians for Help Given by Americans

London, Dec. 24.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, has addressed the following letter to Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the American commission for relief in Belgium:

"I understand you have kindly addressed a request for the provision of your countrymen to provide clothing for our so painfully destitute people. I confess I would have much preferred to shake hands with my American brothers in token of thankfulness for what they already have done than that we should again stretch to them the open hand to beg.

"Your country already has done so much for us; it has given much in food, and above all, in personal co-operation for our economic rehabilitation; it brings us this help with such a willing and complete spontaneity that have longed to convey to your people an expression of gratitude unattainable by new appeals to their selfishness. But you, yourself, dear friend, invoke us to appeal our scruples, and, therefore, I, knowing better than anyone the destitution of our beloved Belgian people, should feel myself traitor to my duty as their pastor if through an exaggerated feeling of national pride I should refrain from also pleading for those who are suffering.

"Only yesterday tears rose to my eyes when, crossing the street in Malines, I met a party of strong, honest workmen, with stooping heads, their eyes fixed on new shoes. These men habitually had supported wives and children through their own labor, but have been for fifteen months without work. The last of their savings are exhausted. Their shoes were worn out and the relief committee had distributed among them some shoes, with the injunction to use the leather from their worn-out shoes as linings to keep their feet from dampness.

NO HOSPITAL SUPPLIES FROM STATES TO GERMANY

Washington, Dec. 24.—Great Britain has suspended the issuance of permits for the shipment of hospital supplies of any description from the United States to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. This became known yesterday and at the same time it was learned that the state department, at the instance of the American Red Cross, had made representations to the London foreign office seeking withdrawal or modification of the new order.

MORE GENERALS RETIRED BY GENERAL JOFFRE

Paris, Dec. 24.—General Joffre continues relentlessly his policy of eliminating from the higher commands all officers not maintaining the higher standard of efficiency, both technically and physically. The latest official statement contains the names of five generals of divisions retired, three placed on the reserve list, and seven brigadiers placed on the reserve. Men who have distinguished themselves in the recent operations are being promoted in their places.

GAINS CONSOLIDATED BY FRENCH TROOPS

Holding Ground Won South-east of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf; Withdrew North of Hill

London, Dec. 24.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"Early this morning the enemy made an unsuccessful bombing attack on our position near the Pöggstert wood. The day has been brighter and the artillery consequently active. The preponderance of activity has been on our side."

Paris, Dec. 24.—The following official communication was issued last night:

"In Artois our artillery has displayed activity in the region of Givenchy and in the neighborhood of the road to Lille. On the north bank of the Aisne we effectively bombarded an automobile convoy between Conde and Manuville."

"In the Woevre, to the southeast of the forest of Apremont, the mine fighting was to our advantage."

"In the Vosges, at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, after counter-attacks by the enemy, our troops to the left, on the slopes of the north of the summit, retired to the position which they previously had occupied."

Gains Consolidated.

"On the centre and the right—that is to say, on the ridges to the southeast of the summit, and more to the south, as far as in front of Wastres—our consolidated completely; the ground conquered on a front of two kilometers (about a mile and a quarter). A snowstorm interrupted the operations in the course of the afternoon."

"The enemy has violently bombarded the northern slopes and the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf."

The following Belgian official communication was issued last evening:

"The day of December 23 was characterized by a bombardment on both sides, which was particularly violent on the whole front of the Belgian army, where the enemy indulged in pure waste in the expenditure of considerable munitions. Our artillery successfully and destructively shelled the German trenches on the banks of the Yser."

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The following casualty list was issued last night:

First Battalion—Died: Pte. T. Plummeridge, England.

Second Battalion—Wounded: Pte. W. Nallen, England.

Wounded, but on duty: Pte. W. P. Waler, Ottawa.

Fourth Battalion—Suffering from shock: Pte. A. J. Fricker, England.

Fifth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. C. T. Mann, England.

Seventh Battalion—Wounded: Pte. James Waddell, Scotland.

Fourteenth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. J. Campbell, Scotland.

Cpl. Chas. O'Brien, St. John, N. B.

Died of wounds: Pte. J. H. Roy, Fairbanks, Ont.

Died of tuberculosis: Pte. A. Urwin, Innisfree, Alta.

Seriously wounded: Pte. A. C. Rayk, St. Albans, Vt.

Fifteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. W. H. German, Waterville, Maine; Pte. Ezra Fawcett, Kimberley, Ont.

Seventeenth Battalion—Suffering from loss of memory: Pte. J. J. Lamplier, Roxbury, Mass.

Nineteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. W. S. Arnel, Toronto.

Twenty-second Battalion—Wounded: Pte. G. Disgras, Joliette, Que.; Pte. C. Cornet, Montreal.

Twenty-fourth Battalion—Seriously wounded: Pte. J. J. Shannon, Leominster, Mass.

Seriously Wounded: Pte. J. H. Tierney, Montreal.

Wounded: Pte. S. J. Smith, England.

Twenty-fifth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Arthur Bevans, Midnapore, Alta.

Pte. R. N. White, Darlingford, Man.

Thirtieth Battalion—Died of pneumonia: Pte. N. A. Ward, England.

Thirty-ninth Battalion—Suffering from concussion: Pte. E. M. Callander, Innisfree, Alta.

Fifty-fourth Battalion—Died: Pte. Thos. Whalen, Coleman, Alta.

Fifty-fifth Battalion—Seriously ill: Pte. Thos. Hanthias, Big Cove, N. B.

Lord Strathcona's Horse—Missing: believed killed in action: Pte. B. P. Wilding, England.

Wounded: Pte. F. W. Mittle, Scotland.

First Regiment, Canadian Mounted Rifles—Killed in action: Pte. A. Colson, England.

Wounded: Pte. V. Conn, Pamburn, Sask.

Suffering from shock: Pte. Roderick McKay, Scotland.

Wounded slightly by shell: Pte. J. McLeod, Scotland.

Third Field Artillery—Killed in action: Pte. J. A. Yates, Toronto.

Second Field Co., Canadian Engineers—Wounded: Pte. R. Waugh, Maple Creek, Sask.

Canadian A. S. C. Training Depot—Dangerously ill: Pte. A. N. Munce, Priddy, Alta.

Reserve Brigade Artillery—Seriously ill: Pte. W. Cooper, Scotland.

GOLD ON YASAKA MARU.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The Japanese steamship Yasaka Maru, which was sunk in the Mediterranean on Tuesday by a submarine, is said to have carried 25,000,000 yen (\$12,500,000) in Japanese gold. The insurance on the vessel amounts to 5,000,000 yen (\$2,500,000).

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APOLOGY MADE BY GERMANY TO SWEDEN

London, Dec. 24.—The Stockholm correspondent of Reuters Telegram company sends the following dispatch relative to the steamship Argo, which was captured recently by the Germans and taken into a German port:

"The Swedish steamer Argo, captured because the capture took place in Swedish territorial waters. The German admiral expressed regret for the violation of Swedish territory."

The Stockholm correspondent of the Morning Post reports that two Swedish steamships and one Norwegian steamship have been captured by submarines and taken into a German port. He states that the Hildur, one of the Swedish steamships, was seized off the Sand-Hampar lightship, within Swedish territorial lines.

GEORGE SMITH IS DEAD; MISSED IN THE CAPITAL

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—George Smith, known to every man who has sat in the parliament of Canada, is dead, pneumonia being the cause. Ever since Confederation the deceased was confidential messenger in the accountant's office of the House of Commons. Before that he was in the service of the old parliament at Quebec, and in his early life was in the British army. A kindly and courteous old gentleman, he will be missed by the hundreds of members and former members of parliament with whom, in his long service, he came in contact. The late Mr. Smith was in his 78th year. He was a veritable encyclopedia on questions and dates connected with the parliament at Ottawa and its predecessor at Quebec.

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PARCELS FROM BRITAIN

London, Dec. 24.—Advices from Stockholm report that in pursuance of the Swedish government's decision to hold up parcels post packages passing through Sweden to or from the British Isles in retaliation for the removal of British authorities from steamships of packages from Sweden, ten thousand parcels from the United Kingdom for Russia are now being held at Gothenburg. At Haparanda, it is said, 2,500 packages are being detained.

ITALIAN GOVT. WILL
RAISE ANOTHER LOANSubscriptions to Be Received
at Consulates and Banks in
Foreign Countries

Rome, Dec. 24.—A royal decree authorizes the issue of a national loan, the bonds to be redeemable in 25 years but not convertible before 1925. The interest will be 5 per cent. and the bonds will be free from all taxes, present and future. The issue price is 97½ lire.

The subscription lists will be open from January 10 to February 10 in Italy and until March 31 in the colonies and abroad at the consulates and specially designated banks. The holders of the last bond issue can convert the bonds into the new bonds on payment of 2½ lire per hundred.

COUSIN OF KING PETER
HAS ARRIVED IN ROME

Rome, Dec. 24.—Prince Alexis Karageorgievitch, of Serbia, a cousin of King Peter, has arrived here after an adventurous escape from Albania with his wife.

The prince says that what is left of the Serbian army has resumed contact with the Bulgarians east of El Basma, where fighting has been going on for three consecutive days.

King Peter went on horseback from Scutari to Tirana, the prince states, and then to Avlona, from which place he is watching the operations of his army, which is commanded by General Missetch.

DAY OF INTERCESSION
FOR SUCCESS OF ALLIES

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—At a meeting of the cabinet yesterday afternoon it was decided to name Sunday, January 2, as a day for intercession and prayer in all churches in Canada for the success of the British empire and its allies. The first Sunday of the present year was set aside for a similar purpose.

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CHINESE GENERALS

RECEIVING TITLES

Yuan Shi Kai Strengthening
Himself in Anticipation
of Revolution

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Chinatown is in the throes of intense excitement. Advices from China, telling of the rapidly spreading revolutionary movement, are being followed by local Chinese with deepest interest. Crowds are gathered about the "dead walls" where the latest news is posted and many demonstrations follow the reading of dispatches.

According to latest advices, Chou Kuang, once one of Yuan Shi Kai's staunchest supporters, now a leader in the rebellion, requested the governor of Yunnan province to protest against Yuan's accession to the throne. This request was followed by a petition from generals in charge of the garrisons in the provinces of Yunnan and Kweichow that Yuan Shi Kai order the immediate execution of Yong Doo and twelve others who had been active in the movement for an imperial form of government. This action was taken as a direct defiance of Yuan and his governmental plans.

In anticipation of open hostilities, Yuan is said to be conferring titles on generals and governors in all provinces favorable to his scheme.

Local Chinese were accused of patriotic demonstrations yesterday by the news that Sun Fo, a University of California student and son of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first provisional president of the Chinese republic, has decided to join the revolutionary movement in China.

LARGE ORDER GIVEN
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Reported Lowest Offer Not Accepted; Friction on the Munitions Board

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The Evening Free Press says:

"The departure of General Bertram has disclosed the fact that there is some friction on the imperial munitions board.

"It is openly stated that some of the members of the new board have not been able to endorse the opinion of the chairman, J. W. Flavell, as to the letting of contracts. Among other acts which have been criticized is a contract for a million shell fuses which has been let at a handsome figure to a Toronto automobile firm.

"T. A. Russell, of Toronto, was active in obtaining this contract, which is said to be for more than \$4,000,000. Mr. Flavell and Mr. Russell have had rather extensive business relations in the past in connection with industrial enterprises.

"It is claimed that there were lower offers for fuse production than that which was accepted from the concern represented by Mr. Russell.

"The board is acting for the imperial minister of munitions, Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, while Canada's credit will be drawn upon to pay for the munitions. The auditor-general of Canada has no authority or control over the payments. It is claimed that the public accounts committee of parliament will not be able to look into the transactions. However, it is certain there will be discussion when parliament meets."

COLOGNE PAPER ATTACKS
PRESIDENT OF STATES

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—Commenting on the second American note to Austria-Hungary concerning the Ancona incident, the Volks Zeitung, of Cologne, Germany, makes a vigorous attack on President Wilson. It says the president will not let slip an opportunity to gain a great success, since "failure would prejudice his prospects for the next election."

The Berlin correspondent of the Cologne Gazette says the note leaves the door open for friendly discussion. It is couched in conciliatory terms, he adds, and the questions as to the facts of the case and the legality of the submarine commander's act may be discussed calmly and objectively.

POPE SHOULD TAKE
LEAD, SAYS CARDINAL

Rome, Dec. 24.—In his address to Pope Benedict yesterday on the occasion of the reception by the pontiff of the sacred college, which visited him to extend Christmas greetings, said that no better time than Christmas could be chosen to speak of peace in a year in which there had been so much sorrow and bloodshed. The cardinal declared the pope to be the fittest to take the lead in restoring peace, right and justice, having no interest of his own to further.

"The pontiff's post as 'vicar of the king of peace' entitles him to be mediator for the good of humanity," said the cardinal.

CAPTURED GREEK SHIPS
SUPPLYING SUBMARINES

Rome, Dec. 24.—Two Italian torpedo boats have captured several Greek vessels which are carrying oil to German submarines, according to a dispatch received here to-day from Brindisi.

RUSSIAN TROOPS HAD

SUCCESSSES IN PERSIA

Reported They Are Fighting
Now Oly 25 Miles
From Teheran

Petrograd, Dec. 24.—The war office issued the following statement last night:

"In Galicia, east of Podhalec, small enemy detachments repeatedly attempted to approach our trenches. Our fire always repulsed them.

"In the Black sea our torpedo boats exchanged shots with the shore batteries of Varna. In the coastal region one of our submarines destroyed a sailing vessel loaded with coal.

"In the Caucasus, throughout Tuesday night, the Turks cannonaded our new positions in the region of the village of Arbarik, northwest of Hamadan. South of Hamadan we occupied Assabad pass. On the 26th our detachment, before entering Kum, took by assault the village of Sava, putting the rebels to flight, and also about 600 Mohammedans, mounted and armed."

Semi-official reports from Teheran state that Russian troops have clashed in battle 25 miles from Teheran, at Rabatakerim, with forces commanded by Emir Khischmet, supported by gendarmes. The fighting is rapidly coming nearer the city. Telegraphic communications have been cut, and no particulars are obtainable.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY
WILL REPLY SHORTLY

Attitude Toward States; Professor Suggests Commission for Ancona Case

Vienna, Dec. 24.—In all quarters the conviction is now entertained that the differences between Austria-Hungary and the United States arising from the Ancona incident are susceptible of amicable settlement.

The Austro-Hungarian reply to the latest note from the States may be expected in a few days.

The second note from Washington is being studied here. Meanwhile the press is withholding comment. The remarks incident to the announcement that the note had been received were temperate and even friendly in tenor, and all circles were convinced that the outlook may fairly be described as favorable.

No inkling has been gained as to the nature of the forthcoming Austro-Hungarian communication to the United States, but in this connection interest attaches to an article by Professor Henry Lammach, one of the leading Austrian authorities on international law. Professor Lammach, a member of the tribunal at The Hague, suggests that, in view of the fact that there is a misunderstanding between the two nations, an international commission of naval experts from neutral countries be appointed to examine the Ancona case, as was done in the famous Dogger Bank incident. It is felt in certain quarters here that this procedure would offer the best chance of establishing facts and thus placing the responsibility.

The Associated Press correspondent can state on the best authority that the Austrian government, as well as the German, is willing to do its utmost to maintain good relations with the United States, providing no conditions regarded as prejudicial to the honor of this nation are imposed.

At the American embassy the impression prevails that it is still possible to arrive at a solution of the Ancona question.

Dutch Comment.
The Hague, Dec. 24.—The Nieuwe Courant, commenting on the American note to Austria-Hungary concerning the sinking of the Ancona, says:

"Washington's refusal to enter into details gives the impression of a rejection of the politely worded and not unreasonable request of Austria and as displaying little desire to meet her wishes."

London Standard.

London, Dec. 24.—Commenting on the sinking of the Japanese liner Yawaka Maru by a submarine, the Standard says: "This fresh outrage will rob of any virtue any disavowal by the Austrian government of the act of the officer who sank the Ancona."

SOCIALISTS AT HAGUE.

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—A number of prominent Socialists from all the belligerent countries except Italy met last Wednesday at The Hague to discuss steps which might be taken to help bring about a speedy peace, according to the Telegraaf to-day.

The paper says that the meeting was held at the offices of the International Socialists' bureau. The discussions were of a very provisional character, it adds. The Dutch delegates of the international bureau had the proceedings under their direction.

TWENTY-EIGHT INJURED.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—Twenty-eight passengers were hurt and a fireman was injured seriously to-day when a freight train on the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf railroad coulted with the rear end of an accommodation train on the St. Louis and San Francisco line near Galena, Kas.

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WILL GO TO ENGLAND

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Petit Journal to-day publishes a telegram received from Sarah Bernhardt at her home in Andernos, near Bordeaux, relative to her reported illness. Her message is quoted as follows:

"I was suddenly stopped while 'Les Cathedrales' was in full tide of success, by congestion of the lungs. I thought myself cured and came back to Paris to-day, where I had a relapse, but again I am recovering. Doctors Poizat, Michel and Otisier will not allow me to leave for America, but will permit me to go to England in a week's time."

SCANDINAVIA HAVING
VERY SEVERE WINTER

London, Dec. 24.—The Christiania correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The intense cold of the last fortnight in the whole of Scandinavia culminated on Dec. 22 in the lowest temperatures ever recorded in December. The temperature in Stockholm reached 40 degrees of frost, in Finland 37 degrees, in Christiania 43 degrees of frost, at Varde, 72 degrees and in Jutland 87 degrees. The last 65 degrees below zero Fahrenheit is the lowest temperature ever recorded in Scandinavia."

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THE HOLIDAYS.

Santa Claus is going to have the hardest Christmas of his life. Our artist succeeds in portraying the nature of the task the father of gifts and distributor of good cheer has before him in Belgium. In some parts of Europe he is in the habit of visiting he will find conditions somewhat embarrassing, though probably not quite so bad as they are in gallant, stricken Belgium. Even in countries which have succeeded in keeping the scourge of the war made in Germany outside of their borders death has taken a heavy toll during the year and the hearts of the people are heavy. So that in general the Christmas season is not going to be celebrated with customary merriment. Remote as we are in British Columbia from the scene of carnage, we have not been exempt entirely from its consequences. Many of our households mourn young men who have patriotically volunteered, gallantly gone forth and sealed with their life's blood their devotion to the cause of justice, truth and liberty. Still signs are not lacking that a brighter day is dawning. We hope and believe that before Santa Claus again is due this war, to be followed by enduring peace, will be at an end. Cherishing this hope, we wish all friends of the Times as merry a Christmas as is possible in their present state of mind.

We purpose doing our "little bit" towards the attainment of this end by giving all our employees a holiday tomorrow. To be quite frank about it, we hardly can do otherwise, because the delivery boys have a rooted objection, an objection natural and inherent in boyhood, to doing any work whatever on a holiday.

GERMANY'S RESOURCES.

While it is possible to agree with much that Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross said at the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday, many of his premises and conclusions can be effectively challenged. There can be no question as to the necessity of exerting all our strength to beat the enemy; but more important than this is the necessity of directing our energies to the proper ends. In money, men and material the allies have a large superiority. If we exploit one too extensively at the expense of the others, we damage, if not destroy, our prospects of success. This is a war of resources in the fullest sense. It is not a war of men alone, not even of men and munitions alone. We might have both, but if we exhausted the third—the real sinews of war—sooner than the enemy we could not win a prolonged struggle. Important though the authorities regard the questions of men and munitions, they are evincing even greater concern in the matter of finances. Had Britain and France been less abundantly equipped with material wealth an inconclusive peace at the very best would have been all they could dare to hope for. Without the high credit of those two great powers their own as well as Russia's munition problems would have remained unsolved. Italy would not have intervened in the war. The basis of that credit and wealth is their trade and commerce—their economic strength lies in their industries. Its maintenance is vital. It is the foundation upon which their whole naval and military effort is conducted, and without it no nation can win a war of attrition.

It is fatal to under-estimate the enemy. It is dangerous to over-estimate him to the extent of impairing the effective combined operation of all resources. Germany is not a modern miracle; the Germans are not a super-race. Germany's resources of men, material and finance are not a closed book. Her system is fatally defective and her ethics, based upon that system, of course are rotten. Between that system and our own is an irreconcilable conflict. This war is not to determine which army will win but to

decide whether military despotism or democratic institutions will go under. We do not intend to destroy Prussianism in Germany to establish it in our own countries. As to Germany's finances there is not a banker of international repute in the world who will not agree that she is nearing the end of her financial resources. With the outbreak of war her national income was reduced probably by more than one half, because, with the loss of her markets and the disappearance of her trade and shipping her industries were demoralized and her economic foundation was undermined. Until now she has not dared to impose a cent of taxation, for reasons of which anybody with a casual knowledge of her fiscal policy since 1911 must be aware. Of all the belligerents she is the heaviest borrower; of all the borrowers she is the most shortsighted and insecure. The country was flooded with paper money, which has depreciated so much that iron currency has been introduced as a temporary remedy. Now she is compelled to resort to taxation, the pet antipathy of her overtaxed people, the thing her government was so anxious to avoid that it preferred to court ruin by a system of financial jugglery which is sheer insanity.

The truth is, the German machine was not built for a long war. It was organized for a sudden, decisive spring. There is not a German from the Kaiser to his humblest subject between the North Sea and Switzerland and from the Rhine to the Vistula who believed the war would last a year. That is why the German government is helpless in the face of the rising storm of internal discontent. It did not plan for such an emergency; its machine cannot operate upon any other tracks than those for which it was built. Col. Ross thinks Germany can fight until 1920. She can do nothing of the sort. She will blow up long before that time. It is doubtful if she can hold out another year. Certainly neither Austria nor Turkey can. Both the Teutonic empires have attempted to obtain separate peace terms time and again. Wars cannot be fought on wind, nor can soldiers, raw materials and food supplies be extracted from the atmosphere. As to the various military operations it will be safe, we think, to rely upon the cold, untrammelled and unregulated judgment of competent experienced neutral observers like Frederick Palmer, who has seen this war from every side, who knows the German army, its methods and resources. Mr. Palmer was not staggered by Germany's display of military strength; war is an old game to him and very early in the struggle he brushed aside the non-essentials which caused so much general depression among the allies and asserted that Germany could not win. He has been through too many wars to be ignorant of the main requisites of final victory.

DISILLUSIONED:

Henry Ford is reported to be coming home without his Ark. It has cost him a large fortune and much distress of body and mind to discover what every high school boy in Canada has long known, namely, that none of the entente nations is thinking of peace. He has discovered further that none of the small European neutrals wants to see peace until the Teutonic empires have been overthrown. How could it be otherwise? Not only do these neutrals share with the entente nations the knowledge that an inconclusive peace would mean another war even worse than this one, but they know that unless Prussianism be destroyed they themselves will be marked for its prey. It was not surprising to us, therefore, to learn that Mr. Ford had such a frigid reception in Norway that he took a severe cold and that the government of Denmark notified him in advance that he and his collection of busy-bodies would not be permitted to hold meetings on Danish soil. If he went to Holland or Switzerland he would be similarly received. This war is causing the small neutrals a great deal of misery; it will bankrupt some of them, but not one of them is willing to take chances on a peace which leaves Germany unleashed.

The premier of Greece has given an interview to the correspondent of a London newspaper protesting against the way the entente powers have "maligned and bullied" his country and bitterly complaining that through their action the beautiful province of Macedonia is to be made a battle-ground of this horrible war. M. Skouloudis would have been better advised had he made no reference to Macedonia. That district would not have been Greek territory to-day had it not been for Serbia, and it was to ensure the protection of Greek and Serbian Macedonia that the two countries bound themselves in a defensive alliance. Greece repudiated the treaty and never gave a hand to prevent Bulgaria from reconquering Serbian Macedonia. In fact there is no doubt that were it not for the pressure exercised by the allies, against which the Greek premier complains, Greece would have assisted in

the spoliation of the neighbor who trusted her. The name Macedonia, through the turpitude of the Greek court, will have a sinister meaning in history.

Richard Harding Davis, the well known author, says that recently in visiting the area in France covered by the Marne campaign it was difficult for him to realize that this section had been touched by the hand of war. The fields are under cultivation, the fences are in their accustomed places, the buildings, from the imposing chateau to the humble farm cottage, have been so deftly repaired or rebuilt that it is hard to believe that most of them were wrecked by shell fire. Even the bridges across the rivers have been rebuilt. Yet in that area more than three million men with all the devastating paraphernalia of modern war met in the greatest shock in history a little more than a year ago. France is repairing the ravages of war with astonishing industry and skill. Her builders and gardeners follow upon the heels of her armies. Her capacity for recovering from the demoralizing effects of a great conflict has been demonstrated often in history, and will be exhibited again after the present struggle.

Von Tirpitz, the assassin of children, has issued a word of cheer to the German people on the eve of Christmas. He said a short time ago that the German fleet had gone forth into the North Sea in search of the British and had returned to Kiel, chastened and disappointed. It could not get a glimpse even of Admiral Jellicoe and his men. You see, it is considered necessary to stimulate the Teutonic mind in the delusion that the Kaiser's "high seas fleet" parades around with its colors defiantly flying, maintaining "freedom of the seas." To all the world except Germany—and it is doubtful if Germany really should be excepted—this pleasant little fiction of Tirpitz is a huge joke. However, a short time ago a couple of German warships did venture out—and they found a little bit of the British navy without looking for it. And the Bremen and her consort never came back.

Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross is reported to have stated that Germany mobilized an army of five million men in seven days. This is incorrect. Germany did not mobilize that number in seven weeks. Nevertheless, she had been mobilizing for weeks before the war. She began to make active preparations for the conflict before the Austrian ultimatum was sent to Serbia. The annual report of the German government railway system spoke of the heavy movement of troops early in July. When Germany declared war she had mobilized 25 active corps and considerably less than the 21 corps of reserves her plans called for. In other words, after a period of several weeks Germany mobilized approximately 2,500,000 men, four-fifths of whom were flung against France and Belgium.

Before this war has been ended Austria will receive a reminder of the Yasaka Maru incident from a quarter which does not deal in protests unsupported by quick effective action. That quarter is Japan, which never forgives or forgets.

A Vienna dispatch says the Austrian people are pleased at the comparative moderation in the tone of the second Washington note. Therefore, as Austria only asked for a milder tone she will accede to the American demands, at the same time claiming probably a diplomatic victory. Her promise to do as Washington requested, likewise will be regarded by the Wilson administration as a diplomatic triumph. Thus each government has scored; neither suffers the loss of dignity. Whether Austria sticks to her word is another matter.

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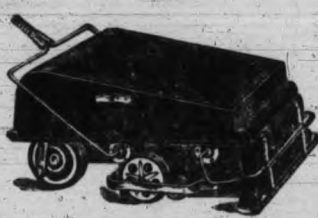
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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY
Victoria Times, December 24, 1890.

All the churches have been decorated for the Christmas services tomorrow. Particular attention has been given to the musical services at Christ Church Cathedral. The bishop of the diocese will officiate at the morning service.

Lieut. H. C. Carey, R. E., of Halifax, arrived in the city last evening to spend Christmas with his father, ex-Mayor Carey.

Water in the Cowichan district is receding after the recent floods. The railway company is transferring its passengers across the river in canoes. Work has already started on the bridge to replace the one swept out.

A panther was killed in the Highland district to-day, measuring eight feet long, by Archie Aitken, after it had done some damage to stock.

The sealing and coasting schooner Katherine returned to Victoria this morning from the west coast. She brings the captain and eleven members of the wrecked barque Atalanta, which went down in the recent gales near Clayoquot.

THAT'S ALL

Suited to the occasion our business message to-day will be very brief:

MERRY CHRISTMAS

And where is a better place to say it than right here in this newspaper page where so many people will see it?

What greater mission could newspaper advertising have to-day than to spread the gospel of "Good Will to Men?"

Phoenix Beer—2 qts. for 25c.

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An assortment of toys, equal in variety and kind to anything shown in previous years, is to be seen at the City Fair, 645 Yates street, in the premises recently vacated by Fitzpatrick & O'Connell, and a few doors west of Douglas street. The fair, in removing from 736 Fort street to the more central location on Yates, will continue to carry a complete and near complete as is possible under present conditions—line of not only toys but kitchenware, dinnerware and fancy china notions, etc. In the matter of dinnerware all patterns arrived are stock and modern in decoration. No trumpets are sounded with regard to values. Keen competition as a matter of fact, invariably regulates this end of any business, and the City Fair is prepared to meet all competition in honest-dealing.

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Things Not to Forget—Platter for the turkey at 75c; roast pans, 25c; up, nut cracks, 25c; cups and saucers, \$1.50 dozen; pocket knife for the boy, 15c, to \$1.75; at R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

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Victoria Stamp Exchange.—The usual weekly meeting of the exchange will not be held until Friday, Jan. 7.

Naval and Military Methodist Church, Esquimalt: chaplain, Rev. Robert Hughes. A Happy Christmas to officers and men in both branches of His Majesty's service.

Women's Institute, Concert.—The Women's Institute of West Saanich will hold a concert on Tuesday in the West hall, Saanich. Among the features will be a fancy drill and a short play entitled "Christmas Presents."

Rowland's Concert Band.—Bandmaster Rowland has arranged an appropriate programme for Sunday evening's concert at Pantages theatre. The assisting soloists will be Mrs. Kershaw-Edmonds, soprano; H. J. Davis, baritone, and Walter Charles pianist. A selection of "American Airs" will be rendered by the band.

First Congregational Church.—At the First Congregational church next Sunday the pastor, Rev. Charles A. Sykes, B.D., will take for his morning subject, "The Secret of a Happy New Year," and in the evening, "What of the Future of Those Slain in Battle?" Is the War Forcing Us to Alter Our views of the Hereafter? and kindred questions. There will be special Christmas hymns, solos and anthems by the choir.

Verdict of Accident.—At the inquest held by Coroner Wallis at Parksville on the remains of Arthur Street, killed near Cameron Lake early last Monday morning by a tree falling across the tent in which he and a companion, George Trandfield, were sleeping, the jury brought in a verdict of accidental death. They added a rider commending the conduct of T. McVey, lineaman of the E. & N., whose assistance undoubtedly saved the life of Trandfield, who was badly hurt and pinned down by the tree. Trandfield is recovering in the Ladysmith general hospital.

Rex Theatre Concert.—A very excellent programme was given on Tuesday evening at the Rex theatre, Esquimalt, for the benefit of the Red Cross society, before an audience which crowded the house. Those taking part all acquitted themselves with distinction, being as follows: Songs, Yeoman of Signals Millward, Master-at-Arms Hadley Seamen Almsough and Bradbury. Ordinary Seaman Sponser, Ordinary Seaman Bradbury, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Joliffe, the Misses Swan, Miss Lührin, Cpls. Morrison and Morrison (of the Western Scouts), and E. Dunn. Ordinary Seaman Pearce gave a recitation that was much appreciated. Mr. Birch, Miss Harcourt and Cpl. Coudy acted as accompanists. Coupon were given with the admittance tickets, and prizes were won by several members of the audience. Commander Hose made an admirable chairman.

Fifth Regiment Band.—The following is the programme to be given by the Fifth Regiment band on Sunday evening at the Royal Victoria theatre. It will be noted that throughout the members are prominently suitable to a Christmas programme, the vocal solos all being chosen for their appropriateness in this respect. Artists of unusual ability have been grouped for the occasion. The programme will open with God Save the King, after which there will be: A Christmas Song, "Cantique de Noel," Adams; overture, "Peter Small," Rollinson; vocal solo, "The First Christmas Morn," Nerston. Mrs. R. Baird; selection, "Quaker Girl," Monckton; chorus, "Hallelujah from the Messiah," Handel; vocal solo, "Twilight Thoughts," (Miss F. Norris). Mr. Crooks, (the number has been dedicated to the fallen heroes at the front); cornet and trombone duet, "Excerpts from Martha," (Flotow), Bandmaster Smith and Bandmaster Raine; operatic pot-pourri, "Broadway Review," Lampe; Miss Murielt will be the accompanist.

Wine Doll.—Mrs. Henry Heistermann, Belmont avenue, won the doll presented by Mrs. Croft to be raffled at the tea given by the Camosun Chapter, I. O. E. at the residence of Mrs. Thornton Fell, Fowl Bay road, last Friday. The winning ticket was No. 16.

New Companies.—The following companies have been granted certificates of incorporation this week: B.C. Aviation School, Ltd., Vancouver, capitalized at \$50,000; British Columbia Optical society, under Benevolent Societies act, Vancouver, \$15,000; Cranbrook Herald, Ltd., Cranbrook, \$15,000; Food Products Company, Ltd., New Westminster, \$100,000; Murray Bros., Ltd., Vancouver, \$10,000; Trail Printing & Publishing Company, Ltd., Trail, \$10,000; Western Canada Lime Company, Ltd., New Westminster, \$100,000.

Work For Soldiers.—Hon. H. E. Young, as chairman of the British Columbia Returned Soldiers Employment committee, in conjunction with the military hospitals commission, has called a meeting of the committee for Tuesday forenoon next to discuss the question of ways and means of providing vocational training for the returned men. There have been invited President Westbrook and Prof. Kinck of the University of B. C.; Dr. Alex. Robinson, superintendent of education; W. E. Scott, deputy minister of agriculture; John W. Gibson, director of agricultural education; and John Kyle, director of technical training.

Held Christmas Entertainment.—The cradle roll and primary departments of the First Presbyterian church held their Christmas entertainment on Wednesday afternoon in the schoolroom adjoining the church. A number of mothers came with the 250 little ones, and games, choruses, and recitations constituted an entertainment which even the smallest were able to appreciate to some extent. Tea and cakes were provided to all, and J. G. Inkster was present to speak to those very junior adherents of the church. Santa Claus distributed candy and fruit to each of the children. To Mrs. Pumphrey is due a special expression of thanks for her splendid entertainment.

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A NEW USE FOR AFTERNOON GOWNS

More Dressy Costumes Are
Suitable for Indoor Skating;
Velveteen Popular

New York, Dec. 24.—With dancing still a popular pastime, indoor and outdoor skating becoming a more fascinating fad each day, new clothes are constantly in demand. The indoor skating frock might consistently serve as well for afternoon tea, bridge parties, and similar daytime affairs, or it may be as plain as the fancy dictates. Sleeves and collars are the distinctive features of these costumes. Whether for afternoon or morning wear the collar is high; not necessarily of the choker type, for many a collar high in back is open in front, affording the comfort of the open throat and the chic of the high neck dressing. When the choker is used it is boned as of old, and usually finished around the top with a frill, ruche, circular band of chiffon pleated, or a narrow strip of fur. One of the new Paquin models of black satin and velvet the high satin collar is topped with a two-inch-wide circular flounce of chiffon. While trimmings are not elaborate on these gowns, still there are many little details which offer the clever woman with individual ideas a chance to make good use of them. Cloth-covered buttons, silk-covered buttons, in self-



Fur-Trimmed Black Velvet.

tone, or a color that harmonizes, are being used to trim both dresses and suits of the more dressy as well as the simpler types. Both long and three-quarter length sleeves are used in daytime dresses; when the three-quarter length sleeve is used it is cut very full and flares away from the forearm gracefully, with very much the effect of the old-fashioned flowing sleeve of grandmother's day.

Favored Colors and Fabrics. While serge and gabardine are still the fabrics favored for the more simple suits and dresses, velvet, velveteen and broadcloth are the dressy materials. Braid, buttons, and fur are the trimmings that bring out the rich effect of both of these materials. Of course there is nothing richer than black velvet for street and afternoon wear; a charming inner skating frock of skunk-trimmed black velvet, worn at one of the more popular of the hotels recently, caused many an eye to follow the graceful skater with her bright hair and huge bunch of purple orchids. For skating, as well as for dancing, pantaloons are practical and comfortable; these are being put out in all shades to match suit or frock; the simplest of them have merely a frill or two around the ankles in the same color and material as the garment.

For real comfort, both in dancing and skating, the small hat is necessary. This is usually in bright contrast to suit or frock; for instance, there is a charming shade of brick red that is much favored with blue serge and black velvet dresses and suits. A bright currant velvet is also favored, and bright coral too is attractive for those who find the shade becoming; and for the more conservative there are wonderful blues, golden browns, and other dark, rich shades which will harmonize beautifully with broadcloth, satin, velvet, taffeta and the other daytime materials. Malines in high up-standing ruffles, bows, rosettes and folds is being used considerably for these small toques. Gold net or lace toques, with frills of dark brown or black net or malines, wired into shape, are especially effective for both afternoon and informal evening wear. Quaint neck-dressings often accompany these smart little hats; an upstanding frill, or two of the malines to match the hat, banded through the centre with a narrow fold of velvet or satin corresponding with the frock, form becoming neck-dresses and afford an effective finish to the costume.

Other Interesting Details. The belt is still a feature of both suit and frock; while belted effects in general have been done to death for

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- Solid Gold Cuff Links \$3.00
- Silver Match Boxes \$1.50
- Silver Cigarette Cases \$4.50
- Silver Mounted Cans \$3.00
- Gold Locket \$5.00
- Ebony Military Hair Brushes \$3.50
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the past season or two, still an attractive belt is a convenient and becoming finish to dress of suit, especially with the growing favor of the rounded waistline. Many of the one-piece princess frocks, and many of the Russian models also, show this treatment—a fitted portion at the waistline giving the appearance of a belt or girdle. It is not unusual to see a chic frock of dark blue serge with a shaped piece of chiffon inserted at the sides giving the effect of a belt; these are beaded or heavily soutached, and are of the same



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color as the frock, or contrasting. A belt of this kind offers an attractive way of introducing an effective bit of color contrast; for instance, a dark blue, green or gray dress may be sou-tached in gold or black on one of the dark, old reds, blues, or greens.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

To Be Rendered at Metropolitan Methodist Church on Sunday Next.

The following Christmas music will be rendered at the Metropolitan Methodist church on Sunday next:

Morning.
Anthem—Christians, Awake.... Maunders
Solo, Mrs. G. A. Downard.
Soprano Solo—The Star of Bethlehem
Solo, Mrs. J. Knight.
Anthem—There Were Shepherds.... Vincent
Solo, Mrs. G. A. Downard.
Baritone Solo—The Birthday of the King.... Neidinger
Mr. E. Williams.
Evening.
Anthem—Adeste Fideles.... Novello
Solos, Mesdames Downard, Morton, Messrs. Lally and Marwood.
Soprano Solo—Peace on Earth.... Lane
Solo, Mrs. G. A. Downard.
Anthem—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.... Stainer
Bass Solo, J. H. Crook.
Carol—Quartet—Bells of Christmas
Time
Mesdames Packard and Morton, Messrs. Lally and Marwood.
Anthem—Sing, O Daughter of Zion.... Swartz
Solos, Mesdames Packard and Morton.
Bass Solo—The First Christmas Morn
A. Marwood.
Anthem—Lo, God, Our God, Has Come
Solo, Mrs. Packard.
Contralto Solo
Mrs. L. Tickner.
Hallelujah Chorus.... Messia

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

J. Martin, of Duncan, is at the Dominion.
A. D. Ordamp is stopping at the Dominion.

Charles Campbell, of Calgary, is at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stevenson are at the James Bay hotel.

A. P. Carroll, of Seattle, is staying at the Empress hotel.

G. Graham, of Lytton, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Robb, Moose Jaw, are at the James Bay hotel.

Mrs. K. Larkins, of Wakarusa, Sask., is at the Dominion.

L. Godtel, of Vancouver, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.

Arthur Scranton, of Edmonton, is staying at the Empress hotel.

L. E. Shaw, of Revelstoke, is registered at the Hotel Strathcona.

Mrs. Abbie Hitch, of Port Angeles, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

F. M. Sturdevant, of Port Angeles, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

A. Frame arrived at the James Bay Hotel yesterday, from Brandon.

F. Snow, of Vancouver, is the latest arrival at the Hotel Strathcona.

H. A. Mullins, of Winnipeg, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

J. Royle is down from Lower Nicola, and is staying at the Dominion hotel.

Capt. Bloomquist, of Shawigan Lake, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

Mrs. H. M. Johnson, of Portland, Ore., registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Guy E. Craig, of Three Rivers, Mich., arrived at the Empress hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cleaver Cox, of Vancouver, are guests at the Empress hotel.

J. C. Clausen and Mrs. Clausen, of Sooke, are staying at the Dominion hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Gifford, Duncan, registered at the James Bay hotel yesterday.

Fred S. Whiteside and R. P. Humphrey, of Nanaimo, are staying at the Dominion.

C. A. Maitland and Mrs. Maitland, of Leighton, Man., are registered at the Dominion.

Mrs. Farrer and children, of Cowichan Lake, are guests at the James Bay hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashburnham, of Cowichan Lake, are staying at the James Bay hotel.

Andrew Cooke and Mrs. Cooke, of Vancouver, have arrived at the Hotel Strathcona.

R. J. Swan and A. McPhee, of Hughton, Sask., are guests of the Dominion hotel.

Oswald Palmer and Mrs. Palmer, registered from Lacomb, Alta., at the Hotel Strathcona.

J. H. Whitmore, of Duncan, registered for himself and Mrs. and Miss Whitmore at the Hotel Strathcona.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Cleaver Cox are spending the Christmas holidays in the city. They are registered at the Empress hotel.

J. E. Sims and Mrs. Sims, and J. S. Warner and Mrs. Warner, of Brownlee, Sask., are among yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion hotel.

G. H. Dawson, surveyor-general, who has been in the east consulting with the other members of the re-organized shell committee, is expected home this afternoon.

Aubrey Kent has returned from Kingston to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kent, Douglas street. He has been away for several months taking a course in field artillery at the Kingston Military college.

Miss May Cleland Hamilton, who spent several years in Victoria, recently at her home in Toronto gave a reception for three prima donnas, Mme. Charlebois, Miss Kaestner, and Miss Margaret George, of the San Carlo Opera company.

A. G. Hamilton, Conservative candidate in the new provincial constituency of Port George, is coming to the city to consult with Premier Bowser on several matters, including that of the proposed bridge over the Nechaco river at Prince George. He will spend Christmas with his family in Vancouver.

The home of Angus McInnis, Belcher avenue, was the scene of a charming wedding ceremony on Wednesday evening, the principals being his daughter, Mamie, and Sergeant-Major Duke-Stewart, a member of the Base Company, 1st Canadian Pioneer, C. E. F. The bride looked beautiful in a robe of ivory satin, and carried a bouquet of white roses and smilax. She was given away by her father. Sergeant-Major and Mrs. Duke-Stewart were the recipients of many useful and pretty presents, including a number

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from the officers and men of the bridegroom's company. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a ruby pendant.

The wedding of Miss Margaret C. Stuart and C. R. Goldart, local manager of the C. P. R. Telegraphs in Ladysmith, was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Robertson, Tynehead, by Rev. Mr. McRae. The bride was attended by Miss Olga Greer, Vancouver, and the groom was supported by G. H. Leighman, Victoria. The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr. Robertson, wore a blue serge traveling suit, trimmed with ermine, and ermine furs. Miss Olga Atcheson played the wedding march. After supper Mr. and Mrs. Goldart left for Vancouver and the Sound on their honeymoon, and on their return will reside at 402 Third avenue, Ladysmith.

"This pyramid," said the guide, "goes back to Chufu, the Cheops of the Greeks. 'Why, what is the matter?' asked a lady in the party. 'It is not satisfactory!'"

Bundleton—"Were you at the Dardanelles, may I ask?" Tamer—"No. What makes you ask such a question?" Bundleton—"Only that you charge so magnificently!"

"Which do you prefer, my dear, a little pot of some champagne?" "I think I prefer champagne, Geralt. And, besides, we really ought to do all we can for France!"

A—"To-day for the first time I was really delighted to hear my neighbor's piano going." B—"Something worth listening to, I suppose?" A—"I should say so. I heard the hire-purchase men taking it away!"

Jacky was regarded as the town simpleton, but occasionally he showed a disconcerting gift of repartee. "What part do you perform in the great drama of life?" a visitor asked him once. "I mind my own business!" replied Jacky.

A boy took a position in an office where two different telephones were installed. "Your wife would like to speak to you on the phone, sir," he said to his employer. "Which one?" inquired the employer, starting up from his desk. "Please, sir, she didn't say, and I didn't know that you had more than one."

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PITHY PARAGRAPHS

Mother: "I don't want to hear of your going automobiling with young Hicks any more." Fair one: No, ma; next time you won't hear of it at all."

Trustee—"We're thinking of putting up a nice motto over your desk to encourage the children. How would 'Knowledge is wealth' do?" Teacher—"Not at all. The children know what my salary is."

Mother (to her small son, who is doing a jig-saw puzzle on the Sabbath): "Bobby, are you sure that's a Sunday puzzle you are doing?" Bobby—"Well, you see, I can't tell until I've done it."—Punch.

The bagpipe players were breaking the atmosphere into thousands of fragments with their instruments. "Why do those pipers keep walking up and down as they play?" asked one stranger of another. "I don't know," was the peevish answer, "unless it makes them harder to hit."

Bobby was out calling with his mother. "And so," said the hostess to him, "your little baby brother can talk now?" "Yes, he can say some words real well." "How nice," beamed the lady; "and what words are they?" "I don't know," confessed Bobby. "I never heard any of them before."

Stranger—"Caught anything?" Country Laborer—"No." Stranger—"Likely to get anything?" Country Laborer—"No." Stranger—"Then what are you fishing for?" Country Laborer—"Why, if the old woman seed that I wasn't doin' nuthin' she would pretty soon haul me away to dig up the garden!"

A well-known specialist was condemning some of the modern dances. "The spirit of these dances," he said, "is like that of the young man to whom a bishop said, 'The dance of today is nothing—but spooning set to music. What can we do to improve it?' 'We can cut out the music!' said the young man."

Mrs. Langley: "One would never believe it. We have a daughter; she is

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MONDAY NIGHT

For a Pleasant Evening

FIVE SHOWS TO-MORROW.

There will be five shows at Pantages theatre to-morrow, the first one commencing at 2.30 from which time there will be a continuous performance until late at night. The public are reminded that there are seven splendid acts, all big holiday attractions, and including the Five Casters in the greatest act of its kind in the world; Knox Wilson, the musical comedy star, in a screamingly funny act, and five other stellar numbers.

COLUMBIA THEATRE.

"The best show you have ever had in your theatre," was the remark made to Manager Maysmith by dozens of delighted patrons of the Columbia after witnessing the big double bill now being presented at this popular picture house.

"At Bay," the feature photoplay which heads the bill, is by far the strongest drama ever seen in Victoria and is being presented here direct from a three weeks' record run in Toronto where it was first released. Florence Reed, who plays the lead, will be remembered by many who saw her

PANTAGES THEATRE

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As a special added attraction, the most popular comedian, Charlie Chaplin, appears in a new two-act Essanay comedy, entitled "Charlie's Night Out," acknowledged by those who have seen it to be Chaplin's greatest effort. To-night at 7.30 and 9 o'clock two special country stores will be held at which one hundred prizes consisting of toys, games, books and dolls for children will be given away



Clever Fun-Makers

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in "Firtology"

donated by Miss Colby, netted \$14.60; five turkeys, donated by Messrs. Lock & Sons, \$25.

Can Practice as Surveyor.—The B. C. Gazette this week contains notice from the registrar of the B. C. Land Surveyors' Corporation that N. C. Kenny, Victoria, is authorized to practice the profession of surveying in the province during the year.

Validating By-Laws.—The city of New Westminster is applying at the next session of the legislature for a private bill, of which notice is given in the current number of the B. C. Gazette, for the purpose of validating certain by-laws of the municipality.

Hunters Are Fined.—Four cases were disposed of in the Saanich police court yesterday afternoon, at the prosecution of Chief Little, of that municipality.

French, his topic to be "No room in the Inn."

Organ Recital.—The following programme will be rendered at the organ recital in the Metropolitan Methodist church on Sunday evening next at 7 o'clock: Christmas March (Merkel); Pastorale (Sullivan); march, "Pomp and Circumstance" (Elgar); and Offertoire on two Christmas Carols (Gull-mant).

Provincial Appointments.—The only appointments gazetted this week in the provincial official publication are those of Hons. W. J. Bowser, Thomas Taylor and W. R. Ross as members of the treasury board; Hon. W. J. Bowser as commissioner of fisheries, and H. S. Banwell, Fernie, as a court of revision and appeal for the Fort Steele assessment district during the absence on active military service of G. G. Moffatt.

Double Chispe Tragedy.—Because Sam Dong, as he believed, was the cause of his dismissal from the service of the Staples Lumber company's camp at Wycliffe, in the Kootenays, in order to get a cousin a job, Mah Ho shot him dead in the camp and then put another bullet through his own head. Superintendent Campbell, of the provincial police, has received information of the tragedy from Chief Constable Welsby of that district.

Annual Celebration.—On Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, the Sunday school of St. Paul's Presbyterian church will hold their annual Christmas celebration in Semple's hall. Tea will be served to the children of the school at 8 o'clock and at 8 o'clock they will put on their programme, which will doubtless prove as entertaining as any previous one. They extend a hearty invitation to all friends to come and enjoy the evening with them.

Chinese Case Appealed.—B. C. Lowe, acting for fifty-seven Chinese convicted and fined \$10 each for having been in a gambling joint, has entered a notice of appeal. The chief ground for appealing from the decision of the magistrate is a technical one, and is that the search warrant under which the police acted was for premises at No. 1 Pan Tan alley, whereas the premises of the Oriental club, which were raided, are situated upstairs above that number.

Blue Cross Society.—Arthur Coke, secretary of the Blue Cross society in London, has written to the local secretary as follows: "The demand for supplies is ever increasing and we are constantly sending all sorts of requisites to the different divisions in the field. \$500 worth of veterinary instruments and drugs have been supplied to the head of the Canadian veterinary service, and anyone who knows officers lacking in necessities for their horses has only to send a list to us. He will find that they are dispatched to him with all possible speed, no matter to which of the forces he may be attached."

Widow First Homesteader.—Mrs. Emma Margaret Lammond, a widow, was the first landseeker to be admitted to the office of Dominion Land Agent Magee on Wednesday morning, and secured first choice of the sixteen 20-acre blocks near Ocean Park thrown open to homestead entry. Before her application was taken, Mrs. Lammond, who is a native of Sweden, although resident in this country for the past five years, signed a declaration of her intention to take out naturalization papers. She chose the west half of legal subdivision 6 adjoining a forty-acre block of which she is the owner.

Post Office Crush.—It will probably take the whole of next week to clear up the Christmas mails going and coming, but this afternoon should see the worst part of the rush over in Victoria. For days past the public spaces at the local post office have been hard put to it to accommodate the crush of Christmas mailers, and the big weighing-table installed every year for the purpose of checking weight before mailing has kept two men almost constantly busy through the entire day for the past week. An overseas mail which left London on December 7, and came via New York, arrived yesterday, and a big parcel post which left about the same time is expected this afternoon or to-morrow. It consists of about 900 parcels, and will make for another rush of deliveries. The mail yesterday consisted of 22 sacks of letters and 11 of newspapers. Up to the present the overseas parcel post has not been so heavy as in previous years, but the greatly improved arrangements in the local post office have facilitated the disposition of mails very greatly.

Defenders of the Empire.—The holiday attraction at the Royal Victoria theatre should draw good houses. The film "The Defenders of Our Empire," which was taken by authority of the army council, is a picture that should appeal to all and it also will bring home to a good many the difficulties of the present war. The story of the film has been published before, so it is not necessary to repeat it, but mention of the different operation shown tonight, in the first is a landing is effected "somewhere within the war zone." Trenches are dug and barbed wire entanglements made to stop the invaders. The attack commences. Dynamite in long tubes is used as the only effective means of dealing with the barbed wire. British airships and aeroplanes come into action. Cavalry and guns come into line. Then is shown the caring for the wounded by the members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing service. In addition to this picture there is also shown on the same programme other

locality. Frederick White and Robert Grant were each fined \$10 for shooting from the roadway, and J. Goyette and H. Shell were fined \$5 each for shooting after sundown.

A Warning to Parents.—We would ask you especially at this time of the year to see that you get pure candies for your children. As a lot of the cheaper candies are made from substitutes such as starch, paraffine wax, etc., and are dearer in the long run, because they are injurious to health, and are indigestible, and it is only a square deal to the children that they get pure candies, everything we use in the manufacture of candies is of the finest quality, guaranteed absolutely free from substitutes and manufactured fresh daily. Sugar fancies, pigs, elephants, etc. Christmas novelties and a large assortment of chocolate boxes, now on show. Special for Christmas week, K. Mixture, the finest mixture in Victoria, 20c per lb. Quality backed by 14 gold and silver medals and endless diplomas, while in competition with the leading firms in England. Wiper & Co., K. Confectioners, 1210 Douglas street, opposite Sayward block.

Police Have Many Bicycles.—There are a number of bicycles at the police station which have been found at various points. Several complaints have been received of missing wheels, and owners are asked to call at the station and find if theirs are among those being held there.

Moves to New Quarters.—The headquarters of the Returned Soldiers Employment committee will hereafter be at Room 104, Union Bank building, to which they have been moved from 1219 Broad street. The campaign committee, with which it shared the rooms at the latter address, will remain there.

Christmas Services.—There will be Christmas services at Emmanuel Baptist church on Sunday. The choir will be assisted in the evening by Miss Jessie Bird, who is quite a well-known violinist, and other instrumentalists. Rev. William Stevenson will preach in the morning on "The Unfolding of Life's Mysteries." Children Talk, "The Peacemakers." In the evening the subject will be "The Star, the Wise Men and the Child."

Christmas Services.—The Christmas services at the Naval and Military Methodist church, Esquimalt, will be held next Sunday morning and evening. Special singing by the choir. Mrs. M. A. Buck will sing "The Gift" at the evening service. Well-known Christmas hymns will be sung, and all visiting friends will be made welcome. The Christmas tree for the Sunday school will be held at 7.30 on Wednesday evening in the schoolroom. All parents are expected, and a very happy time for the children is anticipated.

First Baptist Christmas Service.—The Sunday service at the First Baptist church, Dominion theatre, will be of a special Christmas character. In the morning Mr. Sampson and Mrs. McCall will be the soloists. In the evening there will be a male quartette, and the service will consist for the most part of Christmas carols. The choir will be augmented by soloists among whom will be H. J. Davis, baritone; A. Petch, tenor; and E. Petch, basso. Rev. J. B. Warnicker will

photoplays that round out an entertainment that should please.

Christmas in Jail.—There will be the usual little extras to-morrow at dinner time for the prisoners in the city jail and at the Saanich prison farm.

Card Social.—Purple Star Lodge 104, L. O. B. A., will hold a card social and dance in aid of the Protestant orphans in the Orange hall, Yates street, on Wednesday at 8 p. m. Members are requested to bring refreshments.

Trust Companies.—The registrar of joint-stock companies gives notice that the Johnson Wharf Company, Limited, and the Western Home and Improvement Company, Limited, have abandoned the trust features of their businesses.

88th Band Concert.—The usual Sunday evening concert will be given by the band of the 88th Regiment in the Columbia theatre. A special programme is being prepared by the band and it will be assisted by J. O. Dunford.

Whist Party and Dance.—The Loyal Order of Moose have arranged an evening's entertainment for Monday next at 7.45 p. m. in the K. P. hall, North Park street. The L. O. O. M. unite in extending to all a cordial invitation to attend. A nominal admission charge of twenty-five cents for gentlemen will be made. There will be whist tables and dancing.

Tabernacle Baptist Church.—At the Sunday services in the Tabernacle Baptist church there will be special music both morning and evening by an augmented choir. Mrs. Quain (formerly Miss Cocker) will sing a solo in the evening. Rev. Dr. Cameron will preach special sermons at both services. On Wednesday the Christmas festival of the church will be held, beginning at six o'clock.

Honor For Comrades.—In honor of their fellow workers who are shortly to leave the city with the mechanical transport, the week-end drivers will this evening entertain them to a drive about the city. The cars will leave the Campbell corner at 7.45 p. m., headed by the pipes of the 67th Western Scots, and will parade the principal streets. Frank Moore and Harry Hanover have the arrangements in hand.

Centennial Epworth League.—The citizenship meeting of the Centennial Epworth league will be held in the parlour of the church on Monday evening, December 27, when Rev. S. J. Thompson, of Wesley church, will give an address on "The Relationship Between Religion and the Social Question." A cordial invitation is extended to all. The executive meeting will be held at the close of the regular session, and all the officers are urgently requested to be present.

Timber Sales.—The forestry department is calling for tenders for the purchase of four timber licences—X542, to cut 420,000 feet of hemlock and spruce on an area adjoining the east arm of Juskatla Inlet, Graham Island; X546, to cut 300,000 feet of hemlock and spruce on the east shore of Quot-toon Inlet, Wark Channel; X541, to cut 1,256,000 feet of hemlock and spruce on the east arm of Juskatla Inlet and X545, to cut 2,080,000 feet of hemlock and spruce on the same inlet. In the first two cases one year will be allowed for the removal of the timber, and in the other two two years.

Used Oshene Language.—John "Scotty" Hanley in the king's uniform is little different in his conduct on the streets than when he was in the clothes of a longshoreman, but he is considerably more voluble when he appears in the police court, and that is saying a good deal. He was arrested at Government and Broughton streets last evening by Constable Devoreau, after he had disregarded a warning to be more careful in the language he was using in a high key. The constable had taken him around the corner to remonstrate with him, when Hanley assaulted him. Hanley was fined \$5 or five days in jail. In the witness-box he swore that he never used such words as the constable attributed to him. "What, never?" the magistrate asked. "Well, only when I'm excitable," Hanley owned.

Week of Prayer.—An universal and united week of prayer will be held for a week commencing January 2, and concluding January 7, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Meetings will



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commence each evening at 8 o'clock. The following is the programme of subjects and leaders: Monday, January 3: "Thanksgiving and Humiliation," chairman, Rev. Dr. W. L. Clay; speaker, Rev. S. J. Thompson. Tuesday—"The Church Universal," chairman, Rev. F. N. Stapleford; speaker, Rev. Charles Sykes. Wednesday—"Nations and Their Rulers," chairman, Rev. Dr. C. Scott; speaker, Rev. J. B.

Warnicker. Thursday—"Missionary," chairman, Rev. William Stevenson; speaker, Rev. R. Connell. Friday—"Families, Colleges, Schools, and the Young," chairman, Rev. A. deB. Owen; speaker, Rev. W. L. McRae. It is expected that all churches will withdraw their usual week-night meetings during this week of united prayer.

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Frank Kramer Has Been Riding for 18 Years; May Retire Shortly

Frank L. Kramer, the world's champion cyclist, has passed his thirty-fifth birthday. Kramer has spent most of his time straddling a pair of wheels for the last eighteen years, and, although he is now threatening to quit the game, he is almost as good as ever he was. The famous cyclist is a native of New Jersey, and lives in East Orange, where the leading citizenesses recently pulled off a big feed in his honor.

In many ways Kramer stands out as one of the greatest of living athletes. In every other domain of active sport champions have come and gone and been forgotten, but Frank seemingly goes on forever.

Cycling is one of the most wearing of sports, and few men last more than five or six years at it. Kramer entered the game when he was only 17, and he was amateur champion of America for two years before he turned professional. His first year he was runner-up for the title, and ever since he has grabbed it in spite of the stiffest opposition. He has made four trips to Europe, and on two occasions he was presented by the president of France with a medal emblematic of the world's cycle championship. Last year Kramer won every race in which he engaged on the other side of the pond, and in 1913 he captured the world's cycling title at the Velodrome d'Hiver in Paris.

Kramer lives a simple, temperate life, but he isn't a faddist. He drinks and smokes occasionally, but not while in training. "Know thyself," is his motto, for he declares that every man needs a different system of training, diet, exercise, etc. During his professional career the bike champ is said to have cleaned up considerably more than \$100,000.

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SPORTING NEWS

LESTER PATRICK WRENCHED KNEE IN WORKOUT WITH AMATEURS LAST NIGHT

Local Leader May Not Be Able to Play Against Rosebuds Tuesday; Sibby Nichol Joins Champions

It is possible that Manager Lester Patrick, of the Victoria hockey team, will not take his place on the local defence for their game with Portland on December 28 at the Rose City. Last night in the workout with the local amateurs the Victoria leader was badly wrenched knee, which forced him to retire from the workout.

To-day Lester is out with a cane and limping badly. A ligament was torn, and it is feared that he will not be sufficiently recovered when the team journeys to Portland. He is certainly the one hard luck player in hockey. Last season when he was going at top speed he suffered a broken arm which rendered him useless for the greater part of the season. Victoria's chances of overcoming Portland for the league leadership will be greatly weakened if he is unable to take his place on the defence.

Last night was the final workout of the team in preparation for their crucial game on Tuesday night. Mackay on Sick List. Word comes from Vancouver that Mickey Mackay, the pipsy little centre ice man, will hardly have recovered sufficiently to take his place against Seattle on Tuesday night. Mickey is not suffering from injuries received in the game with Victoria, but has an attack of a gripe. It is probable that his place will be taken by Sibby Nichol, who has just returned from the Orient. Sibby has been on the C. P. R. liner Empress of Russia in the war zone. She was converted into an auxiliary cruiser at the outbreak of the war, and as Sibby was a bugler aboard, he volunteered to sign on as a drummer. He returned to Vancouver on the R. M. S. Empress of Japan yesterday, and was out last night practising with the champions. While his wind was poor, Sibby showed flashes of his old time form, and may round

into shape to take a place on the ice against the Metropolitans.

Rowdy Deserts Mets.

Seattle, Dec. 24.—"Rowdy," the official mascot of the Seattle hockey team, has jumped his contract.

Rowdy is a big, good-natured English pit bulldog, which has been the pet of the players and employees of the Arena. He seemed well satisfied with his lot, but either he became tired of the ice game, or someone coaxed him away, for yesterday he disappeared.

Pete Muldoon, manager of the Metropolitans, who owns the dog, hoped that Rowdy will change his mind and return to the fold. The dog is white, with one black ear and a black spot under one eye. He weighs about forty pounds.

Johnson May Go East.

"Moose" Johnson's father is seriously ill in Montreal, and the Portland defence player may be called east any minute. Should he go away Victoria and Portland will both be crippled for defence men.

Presley Frank Done Uniform.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 24.—Frank Patrick donned a millionaire uniform this afternoon, took up his hockey cudgel for the first time this season, led the Vancouver team through a strenuous practice of an hour's duration and announced that he would get back into active playing service as soon as he could get into condition to hold down the point position on the team.

The Coast league president had no desire to get into active service, but the urgings of the sporting writers and the real fans here have caused him to change his mind and he will be in uniform against Seattle on December 28, ready to jump in at intervals and hopes to be in shape to appear as a regular member of the team by January 4, when the next home game is scheduled with the Metropolitans in opposition.

There is no criticism here of the individual skill of any member of the millionaires' squad, but it is apparent that the team lacks real leadership and it is in the effort to get some head to the team that Patrick has been impressed into service again.

DENVER NEWSPAPERMAN BUYS OUT TORTORICH

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—With the exception of his interest as main promoter of the Willard-Fulton contest for the heavyweight championship of the world, Donnie Tortorich, for the last ten years a prominent figure in the pugilistic world, is temporarily out of the fight game.

He has sold his interest in the Tulane Athletic club to William F. Steele, a newspaper man of Denver. The partnership existing between Burns and Tortorich has been ended.

In addition to purchasing the interest of Mr. Tortorich, Mr. Steele also has taken an option on the holdings of Tommy Burns in the Tulane Athletic club, and has until January 15 to exercise this option. Together he and Tommy Burns will operate several shows before that time, and if he does not take over the Burns interests at the time limit, and if the prospects look good enough to both, it is claimed that the two of them will continue in partnership.

JONES GOING EAST.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 24.—Fielder Jones, manager last season of the St. Louis Federals, said to-night that he would leave within a day or two for St. Louis in response to a summons from Phil Ball, majority owner of the St. Louis Americans, who had tendered the management of that team to Jones for 1916.

COWLER BEAT FLYNN.

New York, Dec. 24.—Tow Cowler returned an easy winner over Dan (Porky) Flynn at the American Sporting club last night, Flynn scaling 193 pounds, was outwitted ten pounds.

Flynn was on the ropes when the gong ended the scheduled ten rounds.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Vancouver Still Dangerous.

Vancouver will not remain stationary in the cellar quarters which they now occupy, and it is very likely that the Millionaires will be right up in the fight for the P. C. H. A. championship. Frank Patrick has plenty of good material in his line, but they cannot get going. Before many more games have been played, however, it is anticipated that a championship team will be moulded. The addition of Sibby Nichol to the team will greatly strengthen the champions' firing line. He is very speedy, can check back, and possesses as wicked a shot as any player in hockey. Once the Vancouver aggregation starts their advance championshipward they will be hard to stop. St. Griffiths and Cyclone Taylor have not yet hit their true stride, and just as soon as these veterans get going the team will be in the fight for the championship.

In a recent interview Hughie Jennings took occasion to pay Ty Cobb the following compliment:

"Cobb is a different man entirely from what he used to be," said Jennings. "He has governed his temper, and, as a result, is of much more value to his team than he was in former years. His playing during the last campaign was absolutely marvellous, and all because he kept his mind on the game and did not allow the remarks hurled at him to interfere with his playing."

"Cobb has determined to attend strictly to business. He wants to regain the esteem of the fans, which was on the wane a few years ago, when he could not control himself and got into several scrapes which did not help his reputation. But that now is all forgotten, and Ty is surer to be the most popular player in the game if, as he vows, he will continue to govern his temper."

TITLE BOUT.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 24.—Johnny Kilbane, of this city, feather-weight champion, and George Chaney, of Baltimore, will battle fifteen rounds for the title in Baltimore, March 17. Articles for the match were signed to-night. The weight will be 122 pounds ringside. A forfeit of \$1,000 will be posted for weight and appearance.

MAJOR LEAGUES ARE BIDDING FOR STARS

Many Clubs Are After Kauff and Magee; Moseley Sold to Cincinnati Reds

New York, Dec. 24.—Harry F. Sinclair, of Oklahoma, owner of the Newark Feds, has taken the contracts of all the Federal league players which are adequately binding and will dispossess of the players according to a statement today by Edward Barrows, president of the International league. He said that the contracts taken by Mr. Sinclair did not include the players taken over by the merged Chicago and St. Louis clubs.

Barrows' statement supplements Sinclair's announcement at St. Louis yesterday that he had the disposition of the Kansas City and Newark Federal league players.

"Sinclair will give the Cubs and the St. Louis Browns first chance for the Federal league stars and after these clubs take what they want it will be up to the other clubs to bid for whatever players they care to take," Mr. Barrows said. "However, both of these clubs are overburdened with players."

Concerning the attempt by Federal league magnates to consolidate the Buffalo, Federal and Buffalo International clubs, Mr. Barrows says that such a consolidation would not be allowed.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—"I have the disposition of the Kansas City, Buffalo and Newark Federal league players and I hold the contracts of Benny Kauff, Lee Magee and George Anderson, all of the Brooklyn Federals."

This statement was made by Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate of Tulsa, Okla., and retiring baseball promoter, to-day. "You can say," he added, "that the owner of the Cincinnati Nationals yesterday offered me \$5,000 for Pitcher Moseley, of Newark, and that the owner of another National league club offered me \$15,000 for Magee. Moseley will go to Cincinnati as soon as I get the \$5,000. Magee, however, is worth much more money than \$15,000 in my estimation, and he will not go for that figure. These two offers are in answer to the published report that the National league owners have agreed not to take any Federal league players."

Mr. Sinclair declined to go into detail as to how he acquired Kauff, Magee, Anderson or how he happened to have the Kansas City, Newark and Buffalo players on his hands. He declared, however, that he was the liquidating agent of the Federal league.

Sinclair said the deal whereby the St. Louis Americans will go to Phil Ball and Otto F. Stifel, owners of the local Federals, has been closed. "When all the provisions of the peace agreement are carried out," Sinclair said, "I shall have retired from baseball, so far as having any financial interest in a club is concerned. I have been in the game one year and have been considered the money bag of the Federal league, but let me tell you the money I lost in the venture is hardly worth mentioning. To place the Federal league losses in the millions because there doesn't seem to be a place in it for me, and I don't want to place down any doors."

"I am leaving baseball with the impression that organized baseball has been much fairer to the players than the public seems to believe and I think that in the future the lot of the player will be better than it was before the coming of the Federal league."

Jones Will Be in Charge.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Phil Ball, chief owner of the St. Louis Federals, and Harry Sinclair, came to St. Louis from Cincinnati today and conferred with Otto Stifel, another large stockholder in the St. Louis Federals.

Mr. Sinclair said he had no intention of acquiring any connection with the St. Louis Americans. Phil Ball to-day telegraphed Fielder Jones to come to St. Louis at once to take up the task of reorganizing the St. Louis Americans.

Mr. Ball said Jones would have absolute charge.

Taft Won't Talk.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Dec. 24.—Joseph Garretson, of Cincinnati, a member of the Charles P. Taft hunting party, making headquarters at the Taft ranch, near here, telegraphed President Charles Washington of the Chicago Federals, at Mr. Taft's request, as follows: "Mr. Taft is unwilling to make any further statement regarding the transfer of the Chicago National league team. Nothing relative to the Cubs will be done until Mr. Taft's return to Cincinnati, January 6."

It is probably that the Taft party will leave for the north on January 1.

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M'FARLAND ACTIVE.

New York, Dec. 24.—Packey McFarland is ready to fight again. He has eased himself into the welterweight situation created when Ted Lewis claimed the title and Willie Ritchie challenged the Briton.

"I'm still a lightweight," writes Packey to Matchmaker Jimmy Johnston of Madison Square Garden, "but I've been boxing big boys for years. When Lewis and Ritchie settle their little squabble in the garden next Tuesday night, Packey McFarland will have to be declared in. I will do 140 pounds ringside for the winner."

New York, Dec. 24.—Frank E. Whitney, the fighting carpenter, blew in from Atlanta yesterday looking for the lightweight championship. Being unable to coax Freddie Welsh into a scrap, Frankie immediately signed to battle Leach Cross January 4.

Whitney stopped Ad Wolgast in five rounds in Atlanta the other night.

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On a bright autumn morning the district visitor was going her rounds. In the crowded passage of a broken-down tenement five or six small children looked at her in eager inquiry, and then turned coldly away. "Well, my dear," she said brightly, "I have never seen such grubby faces. Why don't you wash them?" "Please'm, we are waitin' for the angel," replied one small boy. "Angel! What angel?" asked the lady. "Why, the one who came here last week and gave Willie Smith a tanner to wash his face," was the answer.

SENSATIONS CROP UP IN PUGILISTIC RANKS

Les Darcy is Most Prominent of This Year's Phenoms

In the past year no fewer than half a dozen scrappers have sprouted up as championship contenders. They are Mike O'Dowd, welterweight of St. Paul; Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight; Johnny Ertle, bantamweight; Fred Fulton, heavyweight; Ritchie Mitchell, featherweight; and Benny Leonard, lightweight.

Possibly the most sensational of all is the Australian middleweight Les Darcy. While still in his teens he is considered the greatest middleweight in the world. His defeats of all the American middleweight invaders of Australia has established his claim to the title, and should he defeat Eddie McGoorty in Sydney on Boxing Day his claim to the championship will be firmer than ever.

Another sensation is Johnny Ertle, the eighteen-year-old bantamweight. "Keewie," as he is nick-named, has been dropping all the 115-pounders, and disputes Kid Williams' claim to the bantamweight championship. Ertle and Williams met a few months ago, and in the fifth round the champion fouled, and was disqualified. However, as the bout was advertised as a no-decision ten-round bout, the New York boxing commission refused to consider Ertle's claim to the championship. Of late "Keewie" has been dropping all his opponents in his time. Just the other week he put a crimp in the title aspirations of Young Higgins, dropping him for the count in 45 seconds. A few days later he knocked out Young O'Leary, another likely aspirant for the title in three rounds. Ertle is just 18 years old, and can easily make the bantamweight poundage.

Ritchie Mitchell, who meets Johnny Kilbane at Cincinnati on New Year's Day is another ring star. His rise to the top of the ladder has been very rapid. A year ago Mitchell was considered only a second-rater, but now he is right on the top of the heap. He is just 19 years old and was born in Milwaukee. During the past year he has outpointed Johnny Kilbane, Johnny Dundee, Benny Leonard, and a score of other cracks.

In the welterweight division a sensation has cropped up in the person of Mike O'Dowd, of St. Paul. He has been trimming all the boys in that division and his claim to the title will soon be undisputed. He has defeated Soldier Bartfield and Kid Lewis, both very creditable feats.

Within the past two weeks a new lightweight has sprung into fame. This is Benny Leonard, the Mexican, who makes New York his home. Leonard first started the fight enthusiasts by outpointing champion Freddie Welsh in a ten-round no-decision bout, when he battered the champion up pretty badly. Only this week in New York he knocked out Joe Mandot in the eighth round of a scheduled ten-round bout.

His rapid rise was somewhat discounted on Wednesday night when he suffered a reverse at the hands of Ritchie Mitchell. Eastern fight fans predict a bright future for young Leonard.

Fred Fulton, the highly-touted Minnesota heavyweight, was hardly known in the fight game a year ago, and now he is talked of all over the globe. While Fulton's work has not been sensational, he is certainly being pushed to the front. On March 3 he battles Jess Willard for the world's heavyweight championship at New Orleans.

Duffy Comes Back.

Jimmy Duffy, making his initial appearance since suffering defeat at the hands of Ted Lewis, defeated Frankie Dailey at Johnstown the other night in a ten-round bout. Duffy had the better of every round.

A CHRISTMAS HOMILY

By DECIMAL SEVEN.

Christmas calls the world once more to Bethlehem. This annual pilgrimage to the lowly cradle of the Christ is a mighty factor in the upward movement of the race. Hearts that have grown hard get their softening; purse-strings that have grown taut, their loosening; for a short while at least we forget ourselves and enter into the gracious sacrament of service. This is the grand and never-failing remedy for many of the ills of life—thought for others, and in so far as we enter into this true spirit of Christmas are we made truly happy.

In the olden days the Romans knew no distinction between the rich and poor on this festival; on other days the lines were drawn sharply enough; for one day the fences were down, and the universal brotherhood was observed. We are tempted to think that it would be better for us to encourage this blessed spirit of Christmas-tide a little often in these modern and feverish days of ours. We are very busy, it is true, and the pressure of life is greater perhaps to-day than ever; that is to say, much more is required of us in a given time than was required of our forebears. But when we come to ask ourselves "What is it all for?" it is difficult to find a sane and satisfactory answer. A young man starting out in life is generally told to "make his fortune," whatever that may mean. The observant will have noted the haggard procession whose chief concern seems to be to make money; there is nothing particularly intelligent in this programme, to the intelligent and thoughtful mind, as experience undoubtedly shows that it seldom, if ever, really satisfies. With the advance of education, mere money-making will be classed, as it well deserves to be, among the sordid pursuits to which no man who desires to live the fullest life can

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afford to stoop. It must of course be made clear that we are not decrying honest commercial pursuits, but rather the belittling habit of sacrificing the great opportunities of life for sordid gain. To make money for noble purposes, viz: service, is true nobility, and this we have seen of late in the many gifts for those whose loved ones are fighting the battles of the empire.

Our annual return to Bethlehem helps us to readjust our view of life; to sharpen the focus on the things that count, and to see in humility the open door to the wide and blessed ministry of service. How strange that we must needs enter this Syrian cattle-shed in order to touch the springs of life! And what is there to be seen? A few Arabs bending low before a dark-haired Jewish girl, nursing her first-born! Ah, it is more than this; the lowly scene conveys to the thoughtful mind the stupendous truth—God finding a common basis with man. When we are tempted to set false values on social position and affluence; on place, power and display, we should turn again to the lowly manger and behold the child Jesus, and find in the humble and sacred sight a correction for all our pride of heart.

Christmas is the great apologetic for Christianity. Even men and women who make no claim to discipleship avail themselves of the Christmas season to emulate in some degree their unrecognized Lord and Master. The stern and cold relax and unbend, and those who have been so preoccupied with themselves turn to their fellows and find a subtle joy in seeking to make them happy. It requires a better explanation than the cynic would give us regarding this great occasion. It has been called a Pagan custom; this Christmas of ours! Of the exact date we are not very seriously concerned; what we are anxious for is the exact spirit—the spirit of self-sacrifice.

This so-called pagan custom is very interesting. We know no custom that is world-wide in its application as this. Think of the tremendous preparation for this event from pole to pole; of the congested traffic on land and sea; of the thousands who will hurry from one place to another in order that they may sit with father and mother around the table in the old home on Christmas Day; of the special trains that are needed to carry the gifts and letters, and upon most of these there will be written the name—not of the pagan, but the Christ. And along the floor of the oceans there will throb the pulsating messages of goodwill through the nerve wires of the cables; and through the air the flying shafts of electrical energy will speed until they strike home the old, old greeting of love. It needs a greater explanation than paganism; Christianity can alone give the answer.

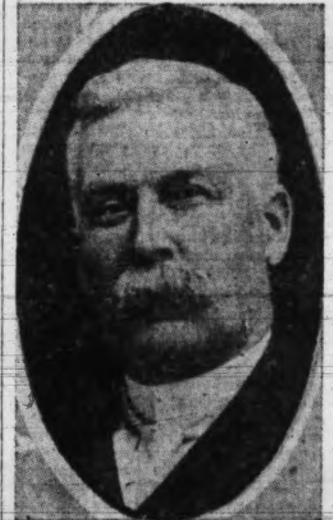
And over all this festive season lies the long dark shadow of war. We must think of those who are far from home on Christmas Day; they are giving themselves for us; emulating Him whose coming into the world we commemorate; making the noblest sacrifice that is possible—offering their lives for us. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Can we not give ourselves of this blessed season of Christmas to the highest and holiest cause of humanity? It is the solemn duty of every young man to fight for his country at this critical hour in her history; and it is equally the solemn duty of all those who cannot go to help on in every possible way those who do. We must give ourselves freely to the task of setting the world free from all that hinders the upward movement. This is the true teaching and spirit of Christmas, and our lasting happiness depends upon our attitude to its challenge.

What is that which you cannot hold for ten minutes although it is lighter than a feather?—Your breath.

CAPTAIN M'INTOSH TO BE CANDIDATE

Will Offer Himself for Election at Forthcoming Aldermanic Poll

Captain McIntosh, former school trustee, and well known business man, will be a candidate at the aldermanic election in January. In coming forward he has complied with the requests of a large number of friends. His entry into the race is not unexpected, because he polled very well in the annual election of 1914, and was only 20



CAPT. D. M'INTOSH

votes behind the late Alderman McMillan at the bye-election in August last year.

Captain McIntosh, who is a well known figure in the city, was four years on the city school board, and took an active part in the last convention of the B. C. School Trustees association held here. He was a candidate last January, but withdrew with others on nomination day in the vain attempt to save a contested election. He states that if elected he will support a policy of retrenchment, consistent with the maintenance of the efficiency of departments.

SUIT FOR TAXES

Action Heard in Supreme Court in Connection With Lease of Yates Street Property.

Mr. Justice Gregory yesterday afternoon heard evidence in the action of Mrs. Johnston against Perry Finch in which she sued for payment of taxes on the property on Yates street formerly owned by the late Dr. Frank Hall. Arguments of counsel are to be heard next week.

Mrs. Johnston inherited the property under the will of Dr. Hall, and later leased it for a term of years to Mr. Finch. There was a clause in the lease making the tenant subject to payment of taxes. Mr. Finch claimed he was not aware of this clause and had not undertaken to pay taxes. The lease had given him an option to purchase the property, but this right had not been exercised.

MUNITION WORKERS

Some Local Dependents Already Have Been Admitted to List.

Definite information has been received from the deputy minister of labor (F. A. Ackland) with regard to the payment of allowances to munition workers' dependents in Victoria and district.

Of the list sent by John Day to the department, it is stated that four of the 29 names submitted are already on the list of those receiving allowances. Forty-nine local claimants have lodged claims with the department at Ottawa, twenty-five are receiving pay, and twenty-four cases are held up pending the necessary verification papers.

Of the twenty-five other names on Mr. Day's list, seventeen are being favorably considered, and await verification papers through the usual channels in England, while eight others had not lodged any claim with Ottawa previously.

The names of the eight new claimants will be obtained, with a view to looking after their interests, as the message does not specify any names.

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Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Rescued from the waterlogged, mastless hulk of the schooner Grace Seymour about 175 miles west of the Irish coast six weeks after they had sailed from New York for Rouen, France, with a cargo of oil, Capt. Pennewell, Mate Wright, and the crew of five men arrived here last night from Lewis, where they were landed yesterday from the Greek steamer lossloglu. Heavy weather was encountered soon after the schooner had started on her voyage, and gale followed gale.

Three weeks after the vessel had left Port Trawler she was found to be leaking badly. Pumps were worked night and day until the supply of gasoline was exhausted and it was necessary to pump by hand to prevent the flooding of the vessel from the open seams in the hull.

Finally, in spite of these efforts, the vessel became waterlogged and on the morning of Dec. 4 it was necessary to cut away all three masts. Five hours later the big steamer appeared in answer to signals of distress and took aboard Capt. Pennewell and his crew.

The Grace Seymour was a three-masted schooner of about 500 tons and was owned by Howard Compton, of Leesburg, N. J. She had been used for coastwise trade until this voyage, when extensive repairs were made in preparation for the trip to France.

When asked whether anything beyond the heavy weather had contributed to the opening of the vessel's seams, Wright declared he would not talk until he had seen the owners.

SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO
UTILIZE INTERED SHIPS

Madrid, Dec. 23.—Owing to the scarcity of steamship tonnage, the government has taken into consideration the question of purchasing or chartering German and Austrian steamers detained in Spanish ports. The director-general of commerce caused an investigation to be made which shows enemy ships of over 100,000 tonnage detained in Spanish ports, and all are at present unproductive. Two sets of opinions exist in the Spanish cabinet. Director-General of Commerce Sala favors acquisition of the ships by the state, while Senor Urdaz, minister of finance, considers that if the scheme is feasible it should be carried out with private capital.

CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN
C. P. OCEAN SERVICES

Montreal, Dec. 24.—According to a circular just issued, H. S. Carmichael is appointed passenger and freight manager of the newly consolidated Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, with headquarters in London, Eng. It is understood that Captain J. T. Walsh, R. N. R., formerly marine superintendent, has been appointed assistant manager of the passenger company, while Mr. W. G. Annable has been appointed general passenger agent for the Atlantic services, and Mr. C. E. Benjamin passenger agent for the Pacific services, all with headquarters at Montreal.

GREAT NORTHERN CHANGES
CREW SURVIVES PERILS

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—Cal E. Stone, of San Francisco, has been chosen as the first passenger, traffic manager of the Great Northern railway, and will succeed Howard A. Noble, general passenger agent.

The selection of Mr. Stone for this position is the result of his success as passenger traffic manager of the Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company.

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Matters

After a thorough investigation of the advantages of the various life-saving appliances at present in existence, it appears indisputable that a life-saving tug, of similar type to the Snohomish, in the employ of the United States, is what is required off the west coast of Vancouver Island. Lifeboats would be of great assistance if a wreck occurred within a short distance of their stations, but the great thing to be considered is to stop a helpless ship from running ashore. A craft with plenty of power, capable of standing any weather, and equipped with heavy towing-bits, is the only solution of the problem. If a ship in distress were sighted, the tug could set off after her and most likely could put a line aboard before she got into the breakers. If she could not save the ship, then she could lower a lifeboat and slack it to the wreck and take off those on board.

For six years the tug Snohomish has been stationed in Neah Bay, Wash., and has a most wonderful record of saving ships in distress. Only yesterday she was dispatched to help the disabled barquentine S. N. Newcastle, which had become waterlogged off Cape Flattery during the heavy blow early in the week. The fact that so few wrecks have occurred on the west coast of Vancouver Island in the past six years is due in no small measure to the vigilance of the Snohomish. Many sailing ships with their sails gone and their hulls waterlogged, would have piled up on the "graveyard of the Pacific" had the tug not gone to their assistance. The Snohomish has done more than any other agency to lessen the number of wrecks on the coast.

Canada Needs Another.

With the wonderful record of the Snohomish in mind there appears only one plan for the Canadian government.

SIGHTING A DERELICT



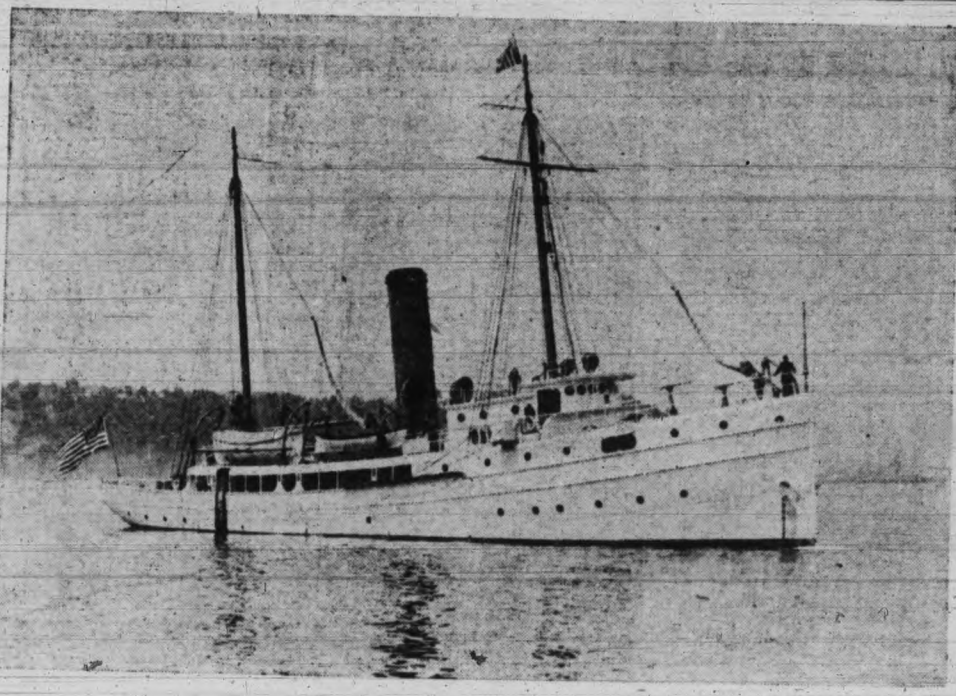
Salvors in the rigging of the life-saving tug Snohomish scanning the horizon for vessels in distress.

In improving the west coast life-saving service, and that is the building of a life-saving tug. With a second tug maintaining a systematic patrol of the entrance to the Strait and the west coast with the Snohomish, it is believed that the country would seldom, if ever again, be shocked by a marine tragedy such as the Carlemapu.

Early in the week the marine editor of the Times visited Seattle to talk with seafaring men of the movement on foot here to secure information of the Snohomish, and interview officials of the United States coast patrol service. The seafaring men were greatly interested in the agitation, and did not refrain from expressing the opinion that, with a second life-saving tug off the coast, the danger of sailing ships coming to grief on Vancouver Island would be practically eliminated. They thought the tug would be the most adaptable craft for coast service.

Capt. Broadbent, head of the coast patrol service, was glad to learn of the movement. When asked if he thought the tug would be the most adaptable craft for coast service, he replied that the United States government would be prepared with Canada, providing a life-saving tug was built, to maintain a systematic patrol of the west coast, the official said that he did not think there would be any objection, but of course it would have to be dealt with by Washington. His candid opinion was that with two boats there would

Type of Craft Wanted to Patrol West Coast of Vancouver Island



U. S. LIFE-SAVING TUG SNOHOMISH

be only isolated cases of disaster on the coast.

A Wonderful Boat.

The Snohomish is 152 feet long, has a beam of 29 feet and draws 15 feet of water. She was built by Pursey & Jones, Wilmington, Del., and was launched in the summer of 1907, arriving at Seattle during the spring of the following year. She cost approximately \$200,000. Equipped with triple expansion engines, developing 1,600 horsepower, she can steam 15 knots an hour. She carries 210 tons of coal and a water capacity of 75 tons. She has a cruising radius of 4,200 miles and makes 23 knots on one ton of coal.

The hull is bulkheaded into five watertight compartments. There is a double bottom under the boiler space. She carries the usual supply of pumps, and in addition has a seven-inch suction wrecking pump.

The life-saving gear consists of two self-bailing and self-righting lifeboats of large capacity, one lifeboat and a derrick engine for handling the breeches buoys, this being the latest and most satisfactory system when the Snohomish was launched. There are also one breech-loading line-throwing gun, one gun of the Lyle type and one shoulder gun. The breech-loading gun can carry a line 1,600 feet and the shoulder gun carries 400 feet.

Officers and men of the Snohomish number 42 all told. She has an Ardis telephoto for signalling at night, and two strong searchlights fore and aft.

Valencia Loss Cause.

Public opinion demanded that the United States government build a life-saving tug, following the loss of the steamship Valencia off the west coast on January 23, 1905, with 117 lives. At that time nothing protected the "graveyard of the Pacific," and in order to prevent a recurrence the tug was constructed. Although a certain "government official" tried to save the government from blame in not having provided protection prior to the loss of the Carlemapu, there is but one course open to federal authorities, and that is immediate action. No dilatory policies can be pursued when it is a case of life or death for the men who keep the trade routes open and others who risk their lives in supplying the markets with the fruits of the sea.

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NO LINERS ARE DUE
IN PORT TO-MORROWChicago Maru Reports She
Will Arrive on Monday; Other
Jap Ships Coming

Word came by wireless this morning from Capt. Hori, master of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Chicago Maru, that he would arrive at William Head at noon on Monday. She is expected to dock here at 1:30 o'clock to discharge 762 tons of general cargo. The Chicago has been experiencing heavy weather in the passage from Yokohama and Capt. Hori in his radiogram asked for a batch survey at Victoria.

Shipping men are feeling in high spirits to-day, as so far as they can see at present there will be no ships at the outer docks to-morrow. Several boats were expected either to-morrow, Sunday or Monday, but fortunately they are all holding back for the first of the week. The Shimp Maru and the Sakai Maru, two extra steamships placed in the Pacific routes by the Osaka line, are expected on Monday, but the heavy weather outside may further delay them.

Aki Maru Coming.

Another Japanese liner due here next week is the Aki Maru, Capt. Noma, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. She is expected to arrive on Thursday and has a large cargo to discharge at this port. The vessel is also carrying many passengers and a number of orientals will disembark at this port.

The H. S. Funnell liner Titan, Capt. Read, may reach port next Saturday from the Orient with her valuable cargo of silk and general merchandise.

Teneriffe, Dec. 21.—Arrived: Str. Keatra, from Seattle.

LIGHTHOUSE TENDERS

ALL IN FOR HOLIDAY

First Time in Three Years They
Have Been in; Quadra and
Leebro Have Rough Trip

For the first time in three years the three lighthouse tenders will be able to spend Christmas and New Year's Days in port. This morning the Quadra, Capt. Leblanc, arrived from the north and the Leebro, Capt. Hunter, came in from the Gulf of Georgia, where she has been building beacons for the past month. The Estevan, Capt. Barnes, slipped into the harbor on Wednesday morning. The three tenders have been on very long cruises and their boilers have to be blown down and the engines given a brief overhaul.

All hands, from the captains down to the cabin boys, are exceedingly glad to be able to spend Christmas with their families and are overjoyed at the prospects of being home for New Year's too. All hands worked hard on the last cruises to be done in time and if any delays had been experienced there would have been several disappointed crews.

Beacon Washed Away.

The Leebro was dispatched from here a month ago to build a beacon on Texada island, Malaspina strait, and carry out other work in the gulf. The greatest difficulty was experienced in erecting the beacon, owing to the tempestuous weather. As the low tide was at night the men had to work in the dark. Time after time they would work for three or four hours and then the sea would get up, forcing them to return to their ship. On returning they would find that all their work had been destroyed. One night the men worked through a snow storm. In order to finish the job off the men worked until midnight yesterday.

Quadra Forced to Shelter.

The Quadra was away on a cruise to the Alaska boundary and across to Langara island. She had a fine run to Langara and as fortune was with her was able to land the day she arrived. For the following week the weather off the Queen Charlottes was terrific. The Quadra was forced to run into Naden harbor to shelter and for twenty-four hours she could not get outside. Bad weather was encountered during the return trip to Victoria. No untoward incidents were reported by the ship's officers.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO SHIPPING MEN

The Times takes this opportunity of thanking the shipping men of this port for the kindness and courtesy shown during the past year, and of wishing them and theirs a very happy and merry Christmas.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Mariners are hereby notified that the black spar buoy hitherto maintained to mark the rock off the North Point of Texada island, Malaspina strait, has been replaced by a day beacon, built on the rock.

This beacon has a concrete base surmounted by a wooden slatwork drum painted white.

CREW SURVIVES.

Halifax, Dec. 24.—Nineteen of the crew of the steamer St. Kilda, ashore on one of the small uninhabited islands near St. Pierre, arrived in Halifax Wednesday. The men, with the exception of a boat's crew, were for five days held prisoners on a small rocky ledge on the side of a cliff just out of reach of the waves, and without enough room to walk about. Their boat's crew rowed eight miles for assistance. The cabin boy fell overboard while the boat was being launched from the steamer and was drowned.

BARQUENTINE SAVED

FROM ROCKS BY TUG

S. N. Castle Disabled in Storm
Off Coast; Tatoosh Arrived
in Nick of Time

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 24.—With six and one-half feet of water in her hold, and a portion of her deckload gone, the American barquentine S. N. Castle, Capt. A. W. Svenson, was towed here last evening by the tug Prosper. She will proceed to-night at 12 o'clock for Eagle harbor, to be docked and surveyed.

On December 17 the Castle sailed from Grays Harbor for Port Pirie, Australia, with 507,000 feet of lumber. The next day she ran into a gale, the wind blowing at a velocity of more than 80 miles an hour, accompanied by hail and snow.

Great seas swept over the vessel, flooding the cabin and storeroom, tearing one of the lifeboats from the davits and carrying about 50,000 feet of the lumber deckload overboard and also causing a leak.

The pumps were started, but the water gained until it reached a depth of six feet in the hold. The vessel became unmanageable and only by the heroic efforts of Capt. Svenson and his crew was she kept from going on the rocks. The wind shifting to the west, Capt. Svenson realized that if assistance did not arrive his craft was doomed.

Rescued by the Tatoosh.

When she was being rapidly driven toward Jagged rock the tug Tatoosh, towing the coal laden barge Acapulco, hove in sight, giving hope to those on board the helpless craft.

Being hampered with the barge, the Tatoosh had a hard time in getting a line to the Castle, and when this was accomplished the line parted, necessitating the Tatoosh making a circle around the craft in order to again place a hawser aboard.

The second attempt proved successful and she towed the Castle inside of Cape Flattery, turning her over to the tug Prosper.

Capt. Svenson says that a mountainous sea was running and Capt. Nolan, master of the Tatoosh, displayed great seamanship in effecting the rescue. It had not been for his skill and daring the Castle would have flung upon the rocks.

The storm was the worst ever experienced by Capt. Svenson during the many years he has followed the sea. He says that at times the wind for a few minutes would blow with such velocity that the sea would almost calm. Then the great waves would rise up, sweeping clear over the vessel.

GOVERNOR SAILS SOUTH

The Pacific Coast steamship Governor is sailing for San Francisco this afternoon at 5 o'clock, and despite the fact that Christmas Day will be spent at sea, a large number of passengers are leaving on her. Among those who will embark are the following: E. C. Bloomfield, W. W. Dunlop, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mattick and child, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ellis, W. Drain, D. B. Lea, Mr. and Mrs. L. Lemoir, W. S. Sprout and Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Sinclair.

Antofagasta, Dec. 22.—Sailed: Str. St. Helens, for Tacoma.

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SHIPPING
INTELLIGENCE

Yancouver, B. C., Dec. 23.—The Canadian schooner Pesawha, in-to-day with 10,000 pounds of halibut, reports bad weather and a scarcity of fish. She will lay up here to undergo her annual overhauling. The str. Northland, which arrived yesterday morning from Ketchikan with frozen fish for the New England Fish company, got away for Seattle at 8 o'clock last night. Arrived: Br. str. Musclican, Capt. Dunn, from the United Kingdom, via San Francisco, at 8 a.m.; Br. tanker Simla, from Port San Luis, at 10 a.m.; Br. str. Waiakama, Capt. Vine, from Union, at 5 p.m. Sailed: Am. str. Robert Dollar, Capt. Morton, for Vladivostok, at 8 a.m.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 23.—Sailed: Str. Makura, from Vancouver, B. C., for Sydney, N. S. W., via Honolulu. Passed: Str. Robert Dollar, from Vancouver, B. C., via Comox, B. C., for Vladivostok.

Comox, B. C., Dec. 23.—Sailed: Str. Robert Dollar, for Vladivostok.

Dungeness, Dec. 23.—Passed in: Bkln. S. N. Castle, for Port Townsend, in tow of tug Prosper, at 1:35 p.m.

Bellingham, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Str. Shasta, from San Pedro.

Everett, Dec. 23.—Sailed: Str. J. A. Chanstor, for Monterey.

Tacoma, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Str. Admiral Farragut and Admiral Dewey, from Seattle.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 23.—Arrived: Str. Kalkak, ex-Maritime, from Newport News, via Puget Sound Navy Yard and Bellingham.

Port Angeles, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Str. None City and Edgar H. Vance, from Mukilteo.

Port Ludlow, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Str. Northland, from San Francisco, via Seattle.

Point Wells, Dec. 23.—Arrived and proceeded: Str. Northland, from Southeastern Alaska, via Vancouver, B. C., for Seattle.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 23.—Arrived: Str. Bear, from Los Angeles, via San Francisco, str. Navigator, from San Francisco, Sailed: Str. W. F. Herrin, for San Francisco.

Seattle, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Str. Northland, Southeastern Alaska, via Vancouver, B. C., and Point Wells, str. Admiral Farragut, Southwestern, via Southeastern Alaska; str. Admiral Farragut, Tacoma; str. Admiral Dewey, San Francisco; Sailed: Str. Humboldt, Southeastern

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Alaska: str. W. S. Porter, San Francisco, str. Admiral Dewey, Tacoma; str. Admiral Farragut, Tacoma. Port Williams, Dec. 21.—Arrived: Str. Shinyo Maru, from San Francisco. Manila, Dec. 21.—Sailed: Str. Canada Maru, for Seattle.

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St. Matthias, Mission, Walsby street. Fowl bay, Sunday school, 3 p. m.; evening service with sermon at 7 p. m.

St. Barnabas, corner of Cook street and California avenue. Holy eucharist at 8 a. m.; matins, 10.30 a. m.; choral celebration, 11 a. m.; children's service, 3.30; choral evensong, 7 p. m.; Rector will preach at both services.

St. Mark's, Boleyn street. Rev. J. W. Flinton, vicar. Holy eucharist, 10 a. m.; sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 3 p. m.; evening service, 7 p. m.

St. Mary's, Burns street, Oak Bay. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; military parade, 9.30 a. m.; matins and sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 2.30; Holy baptism, 4 p. m.; evening sermon, 7 p. m.

Rev. G. H. Andrews, M. A., rector. St. Saviour's, Victoria West. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 7 p. m.

St. Paul's Royal Naval Station and Garrison church, Esplanade. Rev. W. Baugh Allen, Rector. Holy communion at 8 a. m.; matins and sermon, 10.30; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.; evening service, 7.30 p. m.

St. James, corner Quebec and St. John streets. Rector, archdeacon of Victoria. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; matins and sermon, 11 a. m.; evening service and sermon, 7 p. m.

Oaklands Church of England Mission. Rev. H. A. Collier, R. A. Sunday school at 3 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon at 7 p. m.

Pemberton Memorial Chapel. Morning prayer, hymns, 10.30 a. m. Nurses, patients, members of hospital staff and residents of the neighborhood cordially invited to attend.

St. Jude's Mission, Obed avenue. Rev. M. P. Hilton, Matins and Holy communion, 11 a. m.; evening service and sermon at 7 p. m.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL

Church of Our Lord, corner Blanshard and Humboldt streets. Rector, Rev. A. H. W. M. Morning service, 11; evening service, 7.

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Hampshire road. Special Christmas service. Pastor, Rev. A. C. Currie. Wesleyan Methodist, Victoria.

West. Pastor, Rev. S. J. Thompson. Regular services at 11 and 7.30.

James Bay, corner Menzies and Maitland streets. Rev. F. N. Stapleton, M. A. D. past. Sunday school and adult Bible classes, 2.30 p. m.; evening service, 7.30.

Oaklands, Gosworth road. Sunday school and adult Bible class, 11 a. m.; evening service, 7.30.

Belmont avenue. Rev. John Robson, B. A., pastor. Services at 11 and 7.30 by the pastor. Sabbath school at 2.30.

Garden street. Carey road. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.; preaching service, 7.30 p. m.; D. Anderson will preach.

Esplanade, corner Admirals' road and 12th street. Pastor, Rev. C. Hughes. Morning service at 10.30 o'clock. Sabbath school and adult Bible class, 2.30 p. m.; evening service at 7 o'clock.

OTHER MEETINGS

Connaught Seamen's Institute. J. Wright Hill, secretary and port missionary.

The Psychic Research society will hold their Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Conference by Mrs. M. A. Danks, of Liverpool, England.

Christians gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, near Pandora street, Sunday, 11 a. m., breaking of bread; 3 p. m., Sunday school; 7 p. m., gospel meeting.

Christians meet in Oakland Gospel hall, corner Hildes and Cedar Hill roads. Lord's day, 11 a. m., breaking of bread; 3 p. m., school and adult Bible class; 7.30 p. m., bright Gospel service.

The Theosophical Society meets at 3 p. m. Friday, and from 2 to 4 p. m. Wednesday, at 202 Campbell building.

Seventh Day Adventist, corner Hildes and Graham street. Services Sabbath (Saturday), 10.30; prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

Welsh services, Knights of Columbus hall, Port street, 7.30 p. m.

Strangers' Rest. Service will be conducted on Sunday evening at 7.30 by Mrs. Brown and Miss Smith.

Protestant, thought Temple, corner Pandora and Blanshard streets. Dr. T. W. Butler will preach at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Children's school at 3 p. m.

The Divine Psychic Society will hold service at 7.30 Herald street on Sunday evening at 7.30. Soul messages after the lecture.

Universal Spiritual Church, Every Sunday, 3 p. m. in Odd Fellows' hall, 123 Douglas, corner Johnson, Pastor, W. E. Ansley, Vancouver.

Classical Hall, Gospel service Sunday, 2.30 p. m. Pastor, G. O. Benner. Sunday school and Bible class, 3 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8 p. m. Gospel service, Thursday, 8 p. m., at the Strangers' Rest.

Sheilbourne Street Hall, Sunday school and adult Bible class at 2.30.

Christadelphians meet in hall, 184 North Park street. Morning service, 10.30; breaking of bread, 11 a. m.; lecture at 7.30.

Christadelphian meeting at 184 North Park street, Sunday school, 10 a. m.; breaking of bread, 11 a. m.; lecture, 7.30 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL

First Congregational church, corner Quadra and Mason streets. Rev. Charles A. Sykes, B. D., pastor. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sabbath school and adult Bible class, 2.30.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Society of Friends, meeting house, Fern street. Port street. Meeting, 10.30; worship, 11. Evening special address by Henry Clark, 7 o'clock.

BIBLE STUDENTS

Associated Bible Students meet in I. B. S. A. hall, Yates street. Bible study, 11 a. m. and 3.45 p. m.

SYNAGOGUE

Congregation Emanu-El, Blanshard and Bay streets, 8 every Friday evening. Helman J. Elkin, rabbi.

St. Aidan's, Mt. Tolmie. Rev. W. J. Kidd, J. D., minister. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sabbath school and Bible class, 10 a. m.

Lake Hill and Gordon Head. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.45 p. m. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.; Rev. J. Johnston, minister.

LUTHERAN.

Corner Princess avenue and Chambers street. Services at 11 a. m. The Luther League and friends will meet at 7 p. m. Sunday school at 10.30 a. m. Pastor, G. G. M. Gerlich.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Nazarene, corner Fisgard and Chambers streets. Preaching, 11 a. m., by the pastor; Sunday school, 12; class and praise meeting, 7 p. m., followed by preaching by the pastor.

UNITARIAN.

First, corner Fernwood road and Fisgard street. Service at 11 a. m. Rev. Walter Letham, pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, at Pandora avenue. Services are held on Sundays at 11 a. m.

METHODIST.

Metropolitan, corner of Pandora and Quadra streets. Pastor, Rev. C. T. Scott, B. A., D. D. Class meeting, 10 a. m.; public worship at 11 and 7.30; Sunday school, 2.30; Brotherhood, 2.45.

Centennial, Gorge road, one block from Government street. Rev. A. S. Colwell, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

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is argued, would have demolished Europe into fragments. This is to speak precipitately. A nation which has been preparing for twenty years, accumulating strength upon strength, calculating her necessities far beyond actual needs, in order to eliminate the unforeseen unexpected, which always arises—and did arise—would, not blunder so egregiously as to anticipate the psychological moment for the deliverance of her blow by a number of years. Such a view is common; nevertheless it is incorrect.

Germany was compelled by the menace of new Russian developments to take the plunge in 1914. In three years' time Russia would have completed a scheme of new internal strategic railways destined to neutralize much of Germany's preponderating transport advantages for the prosecution of a war with Russia. And transport advantages were indispensable to Germany, inasmuch as Russia possessed overwhelming advantages in numbers. The Teutonic strategic advantages in transport are handsomely admitted by General Kuropatkin in his volumes on the Russian army.

That was one reason why Germany stood to lose by delay. There was another even more dangerous. This was the development of the Russian fleet. The duma had voted \$70,000,000 for its construction. In March, 1914, von Tirpitz, reviewing in the German Reichstag the strategic situation of Russia, remarked that "the growth of the Russian fleet in the Baltic offers a serious menace to Germany." Given three years' more time, the Russian navy, with its projected gigantic battle-cruisers, unequalled in size and power, would have seriously diminished the value of the German fleet. Accordingly there was no time to wait. Germany had reached "The Day," perhaps not in having attained her own maximum strength, but her greatest strategic opportunity, which was every day thereafter to be threatened by Russia's developments. Five months subsequent to von

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ONE ELECTRIC COUPE, complete with charging plant; price \$1,000. Pimley's Garage, Johnson street, d24.

GENTLEMAN wishes furnished room, with open grate, in private house, with or without board; Victoria West district preferred. Box 566, Times, d23.

MARRIED

TOKES-BENNAKACK—At the Metropolitan church, Victoria, B. C., on December 22, 1915, Vincent Tokes, of Bilton, England, to Florence Maud Bennakack, of Plymouth, England.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Thos. J. Burnes and family wish to express their appreciation to the many dear friends for kind sympathy extended personally and by letter in their late bereavement.

NOTICE

Take notice that a meeting of the creditors of the "ISLAND REATY COMPANY, LIMITED" will be held at the office of the Company, 611 Bayward Building, Douglas street, Victoria, B. C., on Tuesday, the 4th day of January, A. D. 1916, at the hour of 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of determining whether an application shall be made to the Court for the appointment of any person as Liquidator in the place of or jointly with the undersigned Liquidator appointed by the Company.

TENDERS

The Board of School Trustees of Saanich will receive offers of two acres more or less for a school site for Tillicum school. The property must not be a great distance from the intersection of Burnside and Tillicum roads.

Tenders, with description of property and price, must be in the hands of the undersigned on or before January 2 at 12 noon.

J. R. CARMICHAEL,
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LOCAL NEWS

With Best Wishes to you and yours for a joyous Christmas. Sweeney, McConnell, Limited.

Lecture in Esquimalt—Where are the dead? will be the subject of the special lecture to be delivered by Mr. Clifford Roberts of Victoria in the Rex theatre, Esquimalt, Sunday evening at 7:30. The lecture is free; no collection is taken; and all are welcome.

Carol Service—The choir of St. John's church will render a carol service at the Young Women's Christian association on Sunday at 4:30 p. m. Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick will conduct the service.

Open Conference—The Excelsior Bible class of Fairfield Methodist church will hold an open conference on prohibition in connection with the regular session next Sunday afternoon. It will be led by Dr. Ernest Hall.

Died in Accident—The many friends of Max Gibson, of the New Method laundry, will regret to hear of his father's death by accident at Springfield, Mo., yesterday. Details of the tragedy have not been received as yet.

Bona Dee Club—The Bona Dee club will hold their regular dance on Tuesday evening in the Alexandra ballroom. There will be good music and demonstrators on attendance. The members are cordially invited to attend, and the proceeds are to be donated to the patriotic fund.

Free Christmas Dinner—The W. C. T. U. Mission, Store street, is giving a free Christmas dinner to men to-morrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Everyone is welcome. In the evening a lecture will be given, illustrated by lantern slides which will be followed by refreshments. The lecture is open to all.

St. Barnabas' Church—To-night, commencing at 11:30 o'clock, in St. Barnabas' church, there will be a choral celebration of the Holy Eucharist, at which carols will be sung. On Christmas Day services will be as follows: 8 a. m., Holy Eucharist; 10:30 a. m., matins; 11 a. m., Holy Eucharist (choral), with sermon by the rector; 5 p. m., evensong.

Thanked for Help—The board of governors of the Victoria and Island automobile club desire to thank all those members and other owners of automobiles who provided cars yesterday afternoon to take the children who were guests of the Rotary club at the Christmas tree at the Royal Victoria theatre to their homes. The assistance asked to make the event complete was very generously provided.

St. Saviour's Church—On Sunday evening next, December 26, the annual carol service will be held at St. Saviour's church, Victoria West. Mrs. Bennett will sing "Come Unto Him" (Messiah) and the solo part in Sullivan's "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." Numerous carols will be sung by the choir. The service will commence at 7 p. m.

Christmas Services in St. John's—On Christmas day there will be Holy communion at 8 a. m., and morning prayer followed by holy communion at 11 a. m. The rector, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick will be assisted in the communion service at 11 o'clock by Rev. F. H. Fatt. On Sunday Christmas music will be rendered and in the evening there will be the Christmas "Carol Service," when the choir and congregation will join in the singing of the old Christmas carols.

Returns From Trip—J. Burt Morgan has returned from a business trip up the island. While away he took advantage of the opportunity to do some work for the Prohibition movement. He was in touch with the organizations at Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Courtenay and Cumberland, attended four executive meetings and addressed a public meeting at Courtenay. Mr. Morgan says the keenest interest is being taken in the movement in the island district.

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XMAS SPECIALS—Brass bed, \$19.75; seven-drawer Singer machine, \$23; white enamel dresser and stand, \$6.50. Bargain house, opposite Hudson's Bay Hotel, Phone 457-1.

VANCOUVER VISITOR VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

Knocked Down by Motor Car as He Was Crossing the Causeway to the Docks

Ernest Whiteside, 977 Cadboro street, Vancouver, was seriously injured late yesterday afternoon when he stepped from the curb in front of the Empress hotel and was knocked down and run over by a heavy motor car.

Mr. Whiteside and Ross Jones, a friend, also of Vancouver, were on their way to the steamer dock to take the boat home, and the occupants of the car—Lieut.-Col. Henniker, Major Spurgin, Capt. N. A. Foster and Pte. Brockhurst, all of the 103 Regiment—were on their way to the same place. The car was driven by Edward Tracy. Apparently the two pedestrians did not see the car as it came along close to the curb to take the curve into Belleville street, and they stepped out into the roadway immediately in front of it. Tracy put on his brakes the moment he saw the men step down, and by standers say the car was not travelling more than ten miles an hour. It stopped within a few feet, but not before the front wheels had gone over Mr. Whiteside as he lay where the impact of the blow had knocked him to the pavement.

He was unconscious when he was picked up by the occupants of the car, and they immediately placed him in it and hurried him to St. Joseph's hospital. There it was found that he had sustained a fractured collar-bone and serious internal injuries. Dr. Melbourne Rayner is attending him. He passed a good night, and this afternoon he is a little better, there being now excellent hopes that he will recover.

Mr. Jones was also knocked down at the same time as his friend but he was not injured, and was on his feet at once. He notified Mr. Whiteside's father, who lives in Nanaimo and came down to-day to see him. Tracy says he was proceeding at a very moderate speed, and that he sounded his horn and threw on the emergency brake as soon as he saw that the two men were stepping out in front of his car. It was quite impossible to avoid the accident.

PLEASING PROGRAMME

Women's Canadian Club To Give Public Entertainment At Alexandra Club.

A highly interesting programme is that to be given in connection with the next meeting of the Women's Canadian club on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 28, at 3:30. The meeting will be held at the Alexandra club and is free and open to the public as well as to members.

Of very particular interest will be the appearance for the first time at any of these gatherings of Miss Helen Badgley, a gifted and experienced elocutionist, who will give a number of sketches, dramatic, humorous and otherwise. Miss Badgley quite recently opened classes in the city for the training of elocutionists, readers, and public speakers, and already has achieved quite a success for her capable manner of conducting these. Later (March 13) the results of her teaching will be seen at an entertainment to be given by the McGill college students of this city.

Appended is the programme for Tuesday next at the Alexandra club:

O. Canada Miss Badgley.
Prose Sketch (Humorous) Miss Badgley.
Violin Solo W. Balagano.
Comedy Character Sketches—
A Very Little Boy Wilbur Nesbitt
A Colored Girl, Paul Lawrence Dunbar
A French-Canadian Farmer
An Old Lady (rural type) Anonymous
An Irish Youth Nixon Waterman
A Very Little Girl Edmund Vance Cooke
Song—Selected Miss Lagrin.
Violin Solo W. Balagano.
The English Flag Kipling
God Save the King
Accompanist, Mrs. A. J. Gibson.

CHRISTMAS PUBLIC MARKET.

In spite of the inclement weather business was brisk at the public market this morning, the stalls looking their best packed with quantities of fresh local produce. Prices ruled steady at the following average:

Fruit—Apples: No. 1, \$1.40 per box; No. 2, \$1.10; pears, 2 and 3 cents per lb.; Dairy Produce—Butter, 40 and 45 cents; eggs, 50 and 55 cents per dozen. Vegetables—Cabbage, 1 cent per lb.; turnips, 1 cent per lb.; parsnips, 1 cent per lb.; Brussels sprouts, 4 lbs for 25c; watercress, 5 cents per bunch; lettuce, 2 heads for 5 cents; squash, 5 cents each; pumpkins, 5 cents each; cauliflowers, 5 and 10 cents each; carrots, 1 cent per lb.

Meats—Beef, 8 and 15c per lb.; veal, 15 to 20 cents per lb.; pork, 12½ to 17c per lb.; mutton, 12½ to 20c per lb.; fowl, 16 to 18 cents per lb.; chickens, 25c to 28c per lb.; geese, 22 to 25 cents per lb.; ducks, 25 to 30 cents per lb.; turkeys, 25 to 40 cents per lb. Fish—Fresh herrings, 5 cents per lb.; cod, 10 cents per lb.; halibut, 12½ cents per lb.; salt black cod, 10 cents per lb.; spring salmon, 17½ cents per lb.; smelts, 10 cents per lb.; kippers, 10 cents per lb.; bladders, 10 cents per lb.; fillets, 15 cents per lb.; smoked black cod, 15 cents per lb.; crabs, 10 cents per lb.; shrimps, 20 cents per lb.; smoked salmon, 15 cents per lb.

Victoria Patriotic Aid—The offices of the Victoria Patriotic Aid society in the Winch building will be closed on Monday, December 27.

LEGION OF HONOR



LIEUT. E. O. WHEELER

Royal Engineers, Indian Expeditionary Force, King George's Own Sappers and Miners.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Wheeler, of Sidney, B. C., have just heard that their son, Lieut. E. O. Wheeler, of the Royal Engineers, has been presented by the French government with the Cross of the Legion of Honor (Croix de Chevalier), of the 5th class. The young lieutenant, who is very well known and popular in Sidney and Victoria, where he lived for many years, was educated at the Kingston Military college and afterwards went to India. He went to France early in the war as a member of the Royal Engineers with the Indian Expeditionary force, and has twice been mentioned in dispatches by General French for his distinguished services. That his work is appreciated by the French as well as by his own countrymen is proved by the distinction accorded him in the conferring by that government of the Legion of Honor. He had many friends in the Alpine club, whose excursions he had joined on several occasions, and they are delighted to learn of this latest honor.

SALVATION ARMY WILL SERENADE HOSPITALS

Usual Christmas Morning Tour Round City Will Be Taken by Band

To-morrow morning at 9 o'clock the Salvation Army band will go its usual Christmas morning round to serenade the various big institutions about the city. Many people have come to look forward with great anticipation to the cheery sound in the early hours of a day which is usually so quiet in the streets. The band will travel by motor car, lent specially for the occasion, and among the places to be visited by the senior organization, which consists of 30 instruments, will be the Rockland avenue and Oak Bay avenue districts, the Jubilee and St. Joseph's hospitals, the Old Ladies' Home, the Old Men's Home and points in the Fairfield district. It is probable that the band, following its usual custom, will visit the premier's home, and for the first time since his elevation to the new office Mr. Bowser will earn consideration in this respect.

The Young People's band of 15 will take another part of the city. They will go to the B. C. Protestant Orphanage, the Children's Aid society, and, in the course of a tour of the Gorge district, to Sir Richard McBride's house on the Gorge road. They will sing Christmas carols and good Noel songs.

The Salvation Army has been busy helping less fortunate families to enjoy Christmas, and already over one hundred hampers have been packed and sent out. During the week members of the army collected in big cauldrons swung on a tripod at the various street corners, and quite a useful amount was contributed by a public which appreciated the good that is being done by this organization.

The Young People's entertainment will take place on Monday night, followed by the annual Christmas tree.

APPOINTED M. O.

Capt. L. F. Houghton Has Been Attached to 88th Battalion as Medical Officer.

An appointment which has created very general satisfaction among the officers and men of the regiment is that of Dr. L. F. Houghton, who has been attached as medical officer with captain's rank to the 88th Battalion.

C. E. F. Dr. Houghton succeeds Dr. A. E. McKicking, who has been M. O. to the unit for some time. Capt. Houghton is very well known as a practitioner in the city, having been established here for about four years. Prior to that he was for two years on Salt Spring island, where he had an extensive practice. Early in the year he went back to England with the hope of doing something to help, and acted as locum tenens for medical men who had given up their practices to take up more active service with the military.

Before leaving England six years ago Capt. Houghton was a lieutenant in the Cornwall Volunteer Artillery. More lately he qualified as a captain in the Canadian Army Medical Corps. As far as his duties permit he will continue his usual practice at his offices at the Campbell building.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

PROVIDED TO-DAY

Officers, N. C. O.'s and Men of 88th Battalion, C. E. F., Feast Together

A very jolly gathering was the Christmas dinner, celebrated a day in advance of the annual feast in order to accommodate the men who are dining away with friends to-morrow, was that held to-day for the 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers. The banquet, which commenced at 1:30, was held in the men's dining-room, which had a particularly festive appearance for the occasion. Flags, bunting and abundance of berried holly, hid the bare spots on wall and window, and gave quite a gay appearance to the big hall.

Officers, non-commissioned officers and men shared the feast together. There was a mock parade of the officers from their own quarters to the men's quarters, all the senior officers, including Lt.-Col. Rous Cullin, Major Harrison, Major Pym, the officers commanding the respective companies, and the quartermaster, Captain Horton, carrying his mug, plate, knife and fork over, just as the men do when they go to their meals. The mock march was in command of Lieut. R. Horton. Awaiting the arrival of their officers was the orderly officer of the day, and their entrance was the signal for three resounding cheers for the colonel and three more for the regiment.

The last demonstration before all fell to on the good things set before them was the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," sung with full-voiced enthusiasm by all the men. There was a regulation Christmas spread, and while the men enjoyed this the band discoursed military and popular airs. Later there was a concert, assisted by Mrs. Robert Baird, Miss Peggy Pearce and Mrs. Gordon, while two or three of the officers and men also contributed numbers. The Christmas celebration is concluding with a dance for the non-commissioned officers and men with their wives, mothers and sweethearts as the special guests of the day.

PROGRESSING WELL

Pte. W. J. Wilkinson, 2nd C. M. R., Recently Wounded, Expected to Go Back to Front Soon.

Pte. W. J. Wilkinson, 2nd C. M. R., reported wounded recently and admitted to No. 23, General hospital, Etaples, on December 2, suffering from gunshot wound in the scalp, according to a more recent report received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wilkinson, of 305 St. James street, is making favorable progress towards recovery at the hospital. He expects to be back with his unit in a few weeks' time. Formerly Pte. Wilkinson was a carrier on the circulation department of the Colonist, and also worked in the job department there. Later he joined the post-office staff. His father is a private in the 50th Gordon Highlanders.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS

NATIONAL RESERVE OF CANADA.

Lieut.-Col. Gregory, commanding. There will be no parade of No. 2 company on Wednesday, December 29. Maywood company will parade at Toimie school, Boleskine road, Thursday, December 30, 8 p. m. sharp. All members are requested to attend to hear the report of the clubroom committee.

OFFICERS PROMOTED.

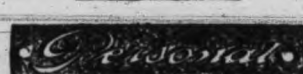
Four Lieutenants in 103rd Battalion, C. E. F., Made Captains.

Four new captains have been made by promotions in the 103rd battalion, C. E. F. These are: Lieutenants A. W. Lawder, R. C. Dunsford, W. E. Elkins and F. P. Barton, all of whom were members in the Victoria Independent Squadron, B. C. Horse, prior to the formation of the 103rd.

BARRACKS FOR BANTAMS.

In order to discuss the possibility of providing accommodation for the training here of the 143rd (Bantams) battalion, a special meeting of the city council is being held this afternoon. It is possible that a new building may be put up.

Earlier in the day Col. the Hon. E. G. Prior, president of the board of trade, introduced a deputation to Mayor Stewart consisting of members of the board of the Victoria and Island Development league and the Rotary club, R. H. Pooley, M. P. P., and W. H. Price.



Miss McCleod, lady principal of Columbian College, New Westminster, is spending the holidays in the city as the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Beckwith.

Softly the nurse smoothed the sufferer's pillow. He had been admitted only that morning, and now he looked up pleadingly at the nurse who stood at his bedside. "An' phwat did ye say the doctor's name was, nurse, in looking into the soulful depths of your beautiful eyes, I read there that you are by nature a kind-hearted, gentle, generous woman. It is these noble impulses and the contemplation of charitable deeds that keep you looking so young and handsome." "You poor, tired, hungry man," said the woman. "Come inside and I will give you some breakfast."

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HIGH INSURANCE RATES DEPRECATED

Matter is Again Subject of Reference by Aldermen; Fire Chief's Salary

"I hope you will give us better fire insurance rates, because we are simply paying in the city of Victoria for the neglect of other cities, and I do not think that we should be punished for other cities' neglect," said Alderman McNeill, addressing a deputation from the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' association, who waited on the estimates committee of the city council last evening to urge the council to raise the remuneration of the fire chief in order that the services of that official should be retained.

R. S. Day and James Forman supported the action of the committee of the underwriters' association who had urged on Chief Davis to remain here, in view of the offer already reported in the Times from a firm of fire-extinguishing apparatus makers. From the board of trade Capt. Logan and J. O. Cameron presented a resolution, which deprecated any attempt to cut the salary of the chief in 1916.

Mr. Day said the underwriters' association considered the fire chief had placed the department in a most efficient and most excellent state, and that it would be a great mistake for the sake of a small salary increase to lose his services, when the efficiency of the department was admitted to be among the best in the Dominion of Canada. He had been informed that the chief feared his salary might be reduced. If the council would go half way in adding \$25 a month to the present salary, he believed the chief's decision would be influenced. It would be a calamity to have the chief leave on account of a small difference in salary. The chief had secured many economies, and had brought up his department to a remarkable pitch of efficiency. "Not only as underwriters, but as agents of large taxpayers and as tolerably large taxpayers themselves individually they felt justified in making the appeal. Mr. Day explained that the manager of the B. C. Land & Investment Agency (Mr. Holland) supported the object of the deputation. Finally Mr. Day appealed that "the fire chief is entitled to a little different treatment from every other official in the city employment, because he is subject to call at all hours."

In answer to a question, it was stated that the loss by fire this year has been only \$25,000.

Mr. Forman supported the case of his colleague. He pointed to the economies effected under Chief Davis. The difference of salary was trifling to small taxpayers, and large taxpayers were in favor of the proposal. Mr. Cameron spoke briefly, while Capt. Logan declared that he had been so impressed at the Otter steamer fire that he had recommended Lloyd's salvage interests to give a bonus to the men, which course had been adopted. He considered the chief a live wire.

Alderman McNeill said that in thinking the council contemplated cutting the chief's salary, the delegation was laboring under a misapprehension.

Alderman Todd declared that no member of the council, so far as he was aware, intended to cut any sum off the salary of the chief. As to an increase, that was a very different matter, because the council did not want to give increases. If the premiums came down, the fire underwriters would practically force the taxpayers to raise the chief's salary, and thereby they would attain the object sought.

Consideration of the request of the deputation was promised. A committee composed of Aldermen Fullerton, McNeill, and Todd was subsequently appointed to meet the chief and report next Monday.

"Could you be happy with a man like me?" a wealthy old man asked a young girl. "Yes, perhaps," she answered, "if he wasn't too much like you!"

PERSONALS.

Well-known Women.

Chatham, Ont.—"I was sick for about four years. Got very weak, could not eat to amount to anything. I got very thin and had no strength at all. I was very much discouraged at times—thought I was never going to get better. I could not walk a block without feeling all tired-out. I took different medicines but did not get the help I needed. A friend of mine advised me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I began to take it with the 'Pleasant Pellets' and by the time I had taken two bottles I was well on the road to recovery, and in six months I was entirely well. My appetite came back and I gained in flesh. Now I am as strong and healthy as any one could wish to be. I owe it all to Dr. Pierce's medicines and I am glad of the opportunity to give testimony in their favor; they have done wonders for me."—Miss IREMA PARKER, 141 E. King St.

Chatham, Ont.—"I have taken Dr. Pierce's medicine with good results. I was weak and run down, lost my appetite and got very thin. I took 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Pleasant Pellets' and these two medicines built me up in a very short space of time so that I felt as well as ever. I found them to be all that is recommended of them; they are good."—Mrs. WM. WESSE, Cor. Taylor & Grand Ave., E., Chatham, Ont.

Every woman who has backache, headache, low spirits, sleepless nights, owes it to herself to speedily overcome the trouble before a breakdown causes prostration. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a non-alcoholic remedy that any ailing woman can safely take because it is prepared from roots and herbs with pure glycerine, containing tonic properties.

PRUNING CONTINUES OF CIVIC ESTIMATES

Total of \$220,000 Has Been Cut to Date; Engineering Department Vote

When the civic estimates committee rose after a three-hour session last evening Alderman McNeill, chairman of the finance committee, said that the total pruning during the four sessions had been \$219,382, on the estimates as presented. There would be a small additional reduction, he thought, at the next sitting, but the total cut could not reach a much higher figure.

Some considerable reductions were made last evening in the engineering department. The salaries of the engineers naturally occupied some time. It was unanimously agreed to segregate the time of engineers engaged on the northwest sewer, to charge to the loan. The mayor undertook to see Mr. Rust with regard to his personal position, and that of the assistant engineer, who it was stated, was now acting as superintendent of sewer construction as well. Indications were given that Mr. Foreman may not stay with the city after the trunk sewer is finished. Information which aroused both surprise and regret.

Alderman Sargent quoted the figures of rates-of-salary-for-engineers in cities as follows: Calgary, \$4,000; Spokane, \$3,600; Vancouver, \$3,000; and Portland, \$2,000.

Alderman Fullerton, answering a suggestion to leave the matter with their successors, said he did not think the council would be justified in evading a decision on a subject to which public comment had been increasingly directed.

Alderman Todd moved that the council should pass a recommendation to hand on to its successors, to have a comprehensive report on the matter of engineering expenses made early in the new year. Alderman Okell seconded the resolution which will be adopted after the mayor has reported on his conversation with the engineer.

It was stated that the returns showed the elimination of 15 members of the engineering staff in a short period, as work decreased, and that when the northwest sewer is finished, the number can be further curtailed.

Among the votes struck out in this department were \$5,000 for Hereward road bridge, \$4,000 for Shelbourne street, \$8,000 for Suffolk street, and \$7,000 for Dundas street.

The grant to the Royal Jubilee hospital was set at \$15,500, the amount having been agreed upon at a committee meeting yesterday with the finance committee of the hospital board.

FAIL TO DECIDE ON SALARY TO BE PAID

Health Officer's Vote is Subject of Debate; Reference to Committee

The city council in estimates committee last evening failed to reach a conclusion with regard to the salary of the medical health officer, and referred the whole matter to a committee composed of members of the health committee, with the mayor and Alderman Okell, to report back to the next committee meeting.

The reduction of the salary was advocated by Alderman Todd, who believed that \$200 a month should be paid. He thought men in the profession could be found who would be glad to secure the position at the reduced salary, instead of the city paying \$4,000 a year as now was the case.

Alderman McCandless, chairman of the health committee, entered into a spirited defence of the doctor's administration of the department, and particularly emphasized the reorganization of the isolation hospital. The doctor would not stand for a cut anything like the figure mentioned, he was certain. He was against any arrangement for part-time services of the doctor.

Alderman Okell, a former chairman of the health committee, spoke in high terms of the doctor's services, and stated that the epidemic of 1892 might have been repeated in 1915 except for the care exercised by the health officer in isolating suspects. The alderman alluded to the milk situation, to the better care of indigent cases at the Jubilee hospital, and other reforms as justification for retaining the salary at the present rate. They could not find a city in Canada with a lower death rate than Victoria.

Alderman Porter was satisfied that the council was getting results, while Alderman Fullerton stated that he was against a return to a part-time official, after the experience of past years in Victoria.

Alderman Sargent suggested the course which ultimately was adopted, to have a committee meet the health officer and hear what proposals for the future conduct of the office would be acceptable, and if he desired time to take part in private practice.

Alderman Dilworth took exception to the principle of an official holding two appointments, however well he discharged his public duties. The cleanliness of Victoria to-day, he said, was largely due to the inauguration of the garbage collection service by the sanitary inspector.

Alderman Todd said that whatever service Dr. Hall had rendered, it was impossible to forget that the conditions of 1915 were not those of 1892, when the great epidemic occurred. The streets had since been paved, a good water service secured, sewerage installed and other improvements effected.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS AT NORMAL SCHOOL

Presentation Made to Miss MacKenzie, B. A., Teacher of Household Economics

At the closing exercises at the Normal school last Friday the students expressed their regret at the departure of Miss M. E. MacKenzie, B. A., teacher of household economics, who is to be married. The students made her a presentation. Miss MacKenzie expressed sincere regret in relinquishing the work.

There were 147 students last term. Normal diplomas were won by 124, the advanced course being completed by 21 and the preliminary course by 103. The following were the successful students:

Completed the Advanced Course—Misses M. M. Beattie, M. V. Colbert, V. M. Davies, D. E. Durick, E. E. Finland, J. McQ. Gordon, I. A. Grayson, M. C. Harman, M. B. Hastie, Rose Jones, P. Kinnaird, M. E. Middleton, M. K. Morrow, J. L. M. MacNaughton, S. McNell, R. M. Penney, G. M. Service, M. Stanton, C. L. Whiteley, E. A. Wille, and R. K. Bell.

Completed the Preliminary Course—Misses O. M. Alro, A. E. Anderson, J. E. Anderson, L. M. Archibald, C. M. Aubrey, H. S. Battantyne, G. W. Beall, M. R. C. Beattie, M. Bell, H. A. Bradshaw, M. V. Bradshaw, A. M. Brown, M. E. Brown, D. G. Burrell, E. V. Cass, A. L. Chatterton, L. S. Christie, G. L. Clyde, E. M. Collier, E. Croden, M. Curtis, M. H. Dandy, N. L. Duff, E. M. Duggan, M. E. Dow, M. A. Dunn, E. J. Dunnett, K. F. Edie, L. M. Edmondson, E. V. Edwards, N. K. Edwards, M. G. Fahnestock, E. F. E. M. Ferguson, A. Fitzgald, E. McL. Fleming, M. Fox, J. U. Fraser, I. H. Gordon, H. G. Hamilton, M. S. Hardwick, E. L. Harris, O. M. Harris, D. J. Hay, L. C. Henderson, A. B. G. Herd, M. H. Hirst, A. J. Johnson, W. C. Johnson, A. Jussala, S. N. King, M. Lane, M. B. Lehman, E. M. Leigh, E. M. Long, H. L. Marling, W. M. Marquart, M. C. Misoner, M. S. McDaniel, H. E. McConnell, M. O. Macdonell, E. H. McKel, E. H. McKinnell, M. M. McKinnell, M. McKinnon, T. Nelson, E. B. Nicholson, M. F. Norris, M. E. O'Brien, L. E. Parlett, G. P. Pauly, R. D. Peto, A. B. C. Post, M. E. J. Reid, N. M. Rigby, V. J. Ross, T. Sampson, R. H. Sargent, H. M. Sargent, A. G. Scott, D. W. Sherwood, E. J. Smith, I. Sutton, I. Terry, C. E. Townsend, V. Watson, H. M. Wheeler, C. E. Williams, A. M. Winkel, H. L. Winterbottom, N. M. C. Yolland, and Messrs. C. R. Drader, H. K. Jones, W. Keatley, W. H. Lambert, A. J. Leigh, D. F. Murray, C. Sivert, H. G. Sivert, G. Sprinkling, W. C. Stubbs, A. A. Todd, A. L. Wheeler.

The winter session will begin on January 10, 1916. All who contemplate attending for that session are advised that in compliance with regulations, all applications must be received by the principal at least ten days before the opening day. Forms of application and all information regarding qualification, may be obtained by addressing D. L. MacLaurin, principal, Provincial Normal school, Victoria, B. C.

An old lady was watching a man in charge of a donkey on the sands at the seaside. "Is he a good animal?" asked the lady. "Yes, ma'am," responded the driver. "And you treat him well?" "Aye, lady; I've driven that donkey over five years, and never once struck him," a single blow. "Dear me! Such humane treatment of dumb animals is worthy of consideration. Here is a shilling for you." "Thank you, lady, very much," replied the smiling driver. "No, I never strike Niddy. I twist his tail!"

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FLOOD CAUSES MUCH INCONVENIENCE HERE

Victoria West Lower Levels Turned Into Ponds; Country Districts Suffer Generally

The flood caused by the exceptionally wet season is occasioning great anxiety in this district, both inside the city limits, and on the Saanich peninsula. Within the boundaries of the city the most serious difficulty has arisen in Victoria West, in that portion of the area which forms part of Skinner's flats, and which extends from within Esquimalt township between the E. & N. railway to the land sloping south from Craigflower road.

The troubles, which the city has had in endeavoring to drain this area and carry off its surplus water have been the subject of debate for years, but this year the flood has anticipated the

completion of the northwest sewer with its auxiliary surface drain, which will be the eventual remedy for heavy weather conditions.

Water flowing, it is said, from the streets immediately north of Wilson street, and within the Esquimalt limits, has been flooding Hereward and adjoining roads, and running like a mill race at times. In draining off water at another point adjacent to Hereward road, and within the city limits, the workmen this week had actually to open a passage in the pipe before getting to work, the location where the surface drain is to run being under three feet of water. The gardens in the vicinity are covered in places, and the residents are suffering great inconvenience. The assistant city engineer, who has had the situation in hand for some time, says that it will be some little time before relief can be given, but he claims that the bulk of the surface water is coming from across the boundary, and ought not to be turned into the trunk sewer, to which it does not belong. The matter was before the aldermen last evening, and City Engineer Rust then stated that the situation was receiving the attention of the department.

George Oliver, who always has been a critic of the city's procrastination in dealing with Victoria West drainage, informs the Times that the whole district, with the exception of the Burleigh area, is suffering to some extent, and that such a contingency could have been predicted at any time for years, on account of the natural levels of the area. He says, the engineers always have shown a disposition to procrastinate on this matter when pressed for action.

Many of the fields along the lines of railway in Saanich are under water in some places several feet deep, and valleys like the Heal's rifle range are covered with water. Around Cedar Hill the water is causing much inconvenience, and serious drawbacks to transportation. Oaklands, too, in the lower levels, shows the effect of the heavy downpours.

Bible Students' Lecture.—The subject of the Sunday evening lecture in the Princess theatre will be "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men—When Will It Come?" The lecture will be free and no collection is to be taken.

To Address Meeting.—John H. Humphries, secretary of the Proportional Representation society of London, England, will address a meeting to be held at the residence of Dr. Ernest Hall on Fort street next Monday evening. Anyone interested in the subject is invited to attend.

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XMAS ARRANGEMENTS IN LOCAL INSTITUTIONS

All Children's and Old People's Homes Will Celebrate the Festive Season

At Christmas-time everyone thinks first of all about the happiness of the children of the world. The very name Christmas reminds one of the little child who was visited in that long ago by the wise men of the east. And the little ones of all the years between have been the first thought of the fathers and mothers and uncles and aunts at every Yule-tide. And it is so still, despite the yearnings that go out to the men fighting away on the battle field for the safety of the hearths and homes of the empire. Their Christmas packets went away weeks ago, and everyone hopes that by now the lads in the trenches will have their presents. So to-night Santa Claus will be able to concentrate his attentions on the small stockings that will hang by the fireside and the nursery cot. And in most homes his visit is assured, even though his reindeers this year may have a somewhat lighter load than in times gone by.

Protestant Orphanage.—Even the little children who have no homes of their own are to have a visit from the jolly old man with the red coat and the frosty white beard. At the Protestant Orphanage to-night all the boys and girls, ranging everywhere from less than two years of age to thirteen summers, will hang up their stockings, and there is no doubt that lots of good things will be found crammed into the leg-hits before morning. To-morrow is to be an exciting day. There will be a motor drive after breakfast, as the Rotary club has very kindly undertaken to send cars up early in the morning. They will have a trip round some of the most interesting and beautiful spots about the city, and if the weather is good, will wait a little while at Beacon Hill park to have photographs taken as mementos of the occasion.

After the drive they will be delivered safely back at the orphanage, where dinner will be all ready waiting for them—turkey and plum puddings and mince pies enough to fill every man Jack of them to the brim. In the afternoon there will be all sorts of games, then supper, and a little romping before bed time.

And after all this merriment there is still something better in store, for the Christmas tree itself is to be held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of December 23, from 3 to 5, when members of the committee will be present to see the unloading of the giant fir that is being put up for the occasion. There will be a programme on that occasion, and lot of grown-ups will no doubt be present to see the joy of the small folk when they get their parcels.

Children's Aid.

There are sixteen boys at the Children's Aid, Pembroke street, and they too are hanging up their stockings to-night. Santa usually fills them to the brim with doughnuts, raisins, sweets and things of the kind, and the Rotary club is helping Father Christmas in his hurried trip through the city by sending along a few additional things to stick on top. To-morrow all the boys—who have homes—will go home for the day, and there will be something nice for the boys who don't.

The real Christmas dinner, however, is to be on Tuesday at 1 o'clock, and at 2 o'clock the same afternoon there will be a Christmas tree. This is an event to which all the lads look forward with great anticipation, as they usually have something more than the part of a mere recipient to play, helping to entertain the older guests who always come with a little programme. And anyone who has attended the Children's Aid entertainments knows how splendidly the boys can sing and recite and drill. Mrs. O. S. Cameron has furnished the Christmas tree, and it should be a sight worth seeing.

Victoria Day Nursery.

Santa Claus must feel very kindly toward the small tots in the Day Nursery, for he sent a special message to say that he had in his bag quite a big packet of gifts for the little people there. So they are looking forward with immense excitement to the hanging of their stockings to-night, and it will be less difficult than usual to waken up to-morrow morning under the stress of the keen inquisitiveness that has already got abroad among the whole fifteen residents, even down to the tiny mites of four years old. What they find in the stockings will keep them engaged the whole of to-morrow morning, no doubt, when they will be quite ready for the Christmas dinner of turkey and plum pudding that is to be served at 12 o'clock.

Unfortunately most of the mothers are working to-morrow, but there will be few of them unable to attend the Christmas tree that is to be held next Tuesday or Wednesday.

At the Hospitals.

There are sick little children, too, unhappily confined to hospital. But the Daughters of Pitty and other kind friends are making all preparation for their care at the Jubilee hospital to-morrow. The children's ward has been particularly thought of, and there the gayest decorations of all are to be found. All the halls and other wards have also been lavishly decorated with evergreens, flowers, berried boughs and other symbols of the season. The day will be celebrated appropriately, donations of a very generous character having been sent to the matron. The Women's Auxiliary of the hospital has sent a giant Christmas cake, and those who are well enough to enjoy this mark of the festive season will share the delicacy.

Services will be held at the Pemberton Memorial chapel at 6 and 10 a.m. by Rev. F. H. Fife.

At St. Joseph's hospital seasonable

decorations are being completed by the Sisters of the hospital and the nurses. Christmas bells, ivy and fir giving a gay and festive aspect to the halls and rooms. As a rule there are very few convalescent patients at the hospital, as when ill people are well enough they are sent home. So the patients will in most instances spend the day in their rooms, where those who have relatives and friends in the city will receive visitors if they are well enough. A special Christmas dinner is to be prepared, and will be shared by the patients.

Nothing, in fact, is to be overlooked that will make the day as happy as one as possible under the circumstances. The usual celebration will take place, and there will be carols and music in the afternoon. There will be an early service in the hospital chapel at 6 o'clock, Rev. Father Vullings, the chaplain, to have charge. He will pronounce the benediction in the afternoon. Patients who are sufficiently strong will be glad to have the special Christmas service to attend.

Old People's Christmas.—There will be a Christmas dinner with all the usual good things for the aged ladies at their home on McClure street. Some of the committee have undertaken to absent themselves from their homes in the midst of all the Christmas morning festivities in order to assist in serving the roast turkey and cranberry sauce, the plum pudding and mince pies, and all the little festivities that belong to the banquet. The corridors, dining and sitting rooms have been elaborately decorated with evergreens and gay paper streamers for the season, and, as usual, during the afternoon the old ladies will have their special friends to visit them in their own rooms.

Very much in the same quiet but happy way will the old men celebrate the day at their home. The dinner will take place in the middle of the day, and beside the usual turkey and plum pudding and the trimmings thereto, there will be special drinks, the Phoenix and Crystal Spring breweries having sent along a supply of beer, William Fernie, of Oak Bay, very generously contributed to their entertainment in the shape of "smokes," and there is no doubt that the old chaps will enjoy their Christmas just as much as if it were a time of great noise and excitement.

LABOR CANDIDATE

JOHN DAY

One of the Labor candidates for alderman, is a sanitary engineer, holding certificates as a Registered Plumber and Fellow of the Institute of Sanitary Engineers, as far back as the year 1896. For a number of years he was a builder and contractor in Wolverhampton, England, eventually taking up inventions, more especially relating to sanitary appliances. Each year the Royal Sanitary Institute holds exhibitions at which all manufacturers exhibit. For six years Mr. Day has exhibited his patents against all competitors, and in every instance obtained the only awards granted, and holds certificates and gold medals for the same.

When he came to Vancouver he was called upon to visit Nanaimo to inspect clay fields, and reported that the fields held millions of tons of valuable clays. Samples also were sent from the Skeena district. There again is to be found valuable clays. Mr. Day took up plumbing again in the city and eventually he formed the Plumbers and Steamfitters union, in which he held the position of president, and is now recording secretary. Becoming a delegate to the Trades and Labor council he was appointed secretary-treasurer and has held this position for two years. He has been a delegate to the B. C. Federation of Labor, the Trades and Labor Congress.

He also has been prominent in several other matters, having been called in by Messrs. Barnes and Windham as to the supply of mechanics to England. He is secretary of the welcome committee.

ENTERTAINING SOLDIERS

Returned Warriors to Be Given Dinner and Entertainment at Y. M. C. A. on Thursday, December 30.

Preparations are well under way for the dinner and entertainment to be given in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Thursday, December 30, for the returned soldiers. It is hoped that every soldier who has come back from the front will send his name and address in to the Y. M. C. A. if he has not already received an invitation to attend the proceedings, as it is intended that every man shall have the opportunity of participating in the occasion.

The response for gifts for the table has been very good, and shows no lack of appreciation by the public for the service done by the men who have been wounded for the sake of those at home.

RAISE PROTEST ON LOCAL IMPROVEMENT

Front Street Owners Seek Redress in Vain; Duplication of House Services

A petition asking for relief, signed by 13 ratepayers on Front street, Victoria West, was read to the court of revision on local improvements, at its meeting this morning.

The petition, which was supported by a deputation headed by Richard S. Carroll, pointed out that the work done by the council was inadequate, and that therefore the authority should give a substantial rebate, or provide the facilities to which the owners were entitled.

Great complaint was made by the deputation against the increase in the cost occasioned by the delay in closing up the by-laws under which work was carried out in 1912. It is one of these which have been held up in the hope that an opportunity would arise to carry it out in accordance with the terms of the measure.

The court confirmed the levy, the deputation going away distinctly dissatisfied with the result of the interview.

H. E. Beasley appeared to protest against an assessment for connections on Regent's place, to a residence which was already in existence when the work was carried out, and for which no facilities which had already been secured to St. Charles street.

This is one of the numerous cases (to which the city engineer has objected on principle), where connections have been put in without the request of residents because the by-law was originally drafted in that way.

Mr. Beasley said he had explained the futility of putting in connections which he could not use to the foreman on the ground, but the work was persisted in. "It is not fair, it is not reasonable, it is not called for," he said, "it is burying dollars under the streets where there is no use for them." He claimed that the engineering department should exercise a reasonable amount of discretion, and that he should not be penalized for the error of the city authorities.

Alderman Todd said the attention of the council should have been called to the matter at the time when the work was being done.

Alderman Bell stated that a thousand similar instances must exist, and it was impossible to re-open the question.

The court confirmed the assessment, and those also on the following streets: Sylvia, Market, Chestnut, Hulton, and Seaview avenue. In the last five cases, there was no objection raised.

CANADIAN SCOTTISH

Second Edition is Published of Brochure in Praise of Gallant Soldiers.

A second edition of "The Canadian Scottish," by J. F. Cadenhead, has been published from the office of the Rosemount Press, Aberdeen, Scotland, the demand for the first edition having been so great that it was all sold out. As its sub-title indicates, the brochure consists of "stray papers by a private" in eulogy of the gallantry of the Scottish regiments from every part of the empire, but especially of those who have gone from the Dominion and of the battalion bearing the name of the Canadian Scottish. In this army men from the 50th Gordon Highlanders of Canada; of the 2nd Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, of Vancouver; of the 7th Cameron Highlanders of Canada, of Winnipeg; and of the 51st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, of Hamilton, commanded by Colonel J. Edwards Leckie, D. S. O.

The papers which Private Cadenhead has written in praise of Scotland's brave soldiers were published originally in newspapers in Canada and Scotland, and are here gathered into a booklet which is dedicated to the memory of the lads of the Canadian Scottish killed in action. Brigadier-General B. G. Edwards Leckie, C. M. G., contributes a brief introduction in which he adds his appreciation of the loyalty and the work of the battalion, and warm words of praise for the Canadian Red Cross society. The sale of the booklet in the four cities from which the battalion was drawn is under the supervision of the various Scottish corps, and the proceeds are to go to the patriotic fund selected by them.

In Private Cadenhead's admirably written papers and the occasional verse with which they are sprinkled he expresses, as he puts it, "sheer love for my battalion," but with a soldier's generosity he adds a word for the men of other corps. Their titles are "From Canada to Salisbury Plain," "Christmas on Salisbury Plain," "The Night Watches," "With the Transport," "An Impression After the Victory," "Major Markham: an Appreciation" and "Life Outside the Trenches."

Progress Lectures.—At the Progressive Thought Temple, corner Pandora and Blanshard streets, Dr. Butler will speak on Sunday at 11 a. m., on "The Joy Life." At 7.30 p. m. his subject will be "The Christmas Origin: Older Than Jesus," illustrated with lantern views. The public are invited.

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